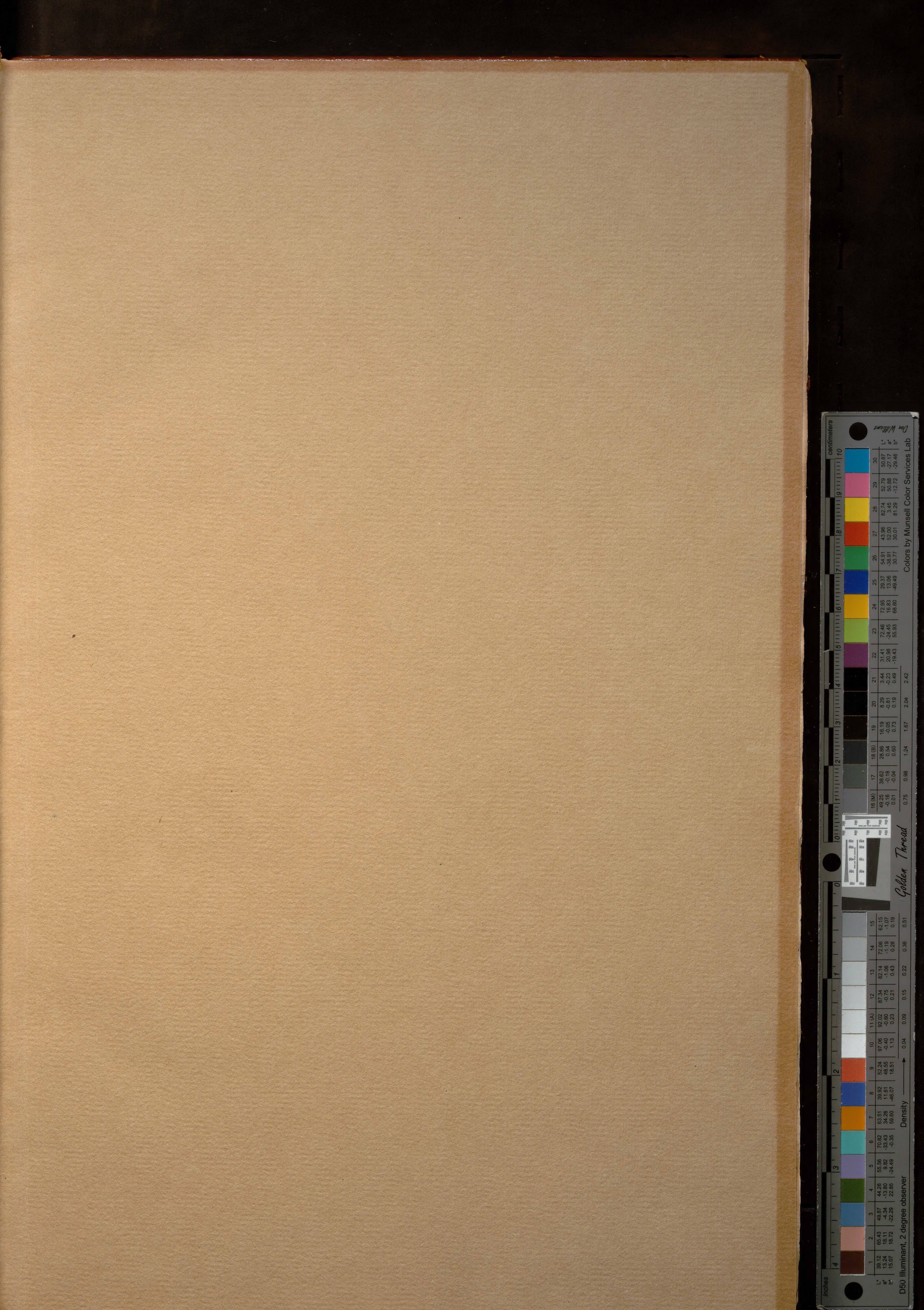
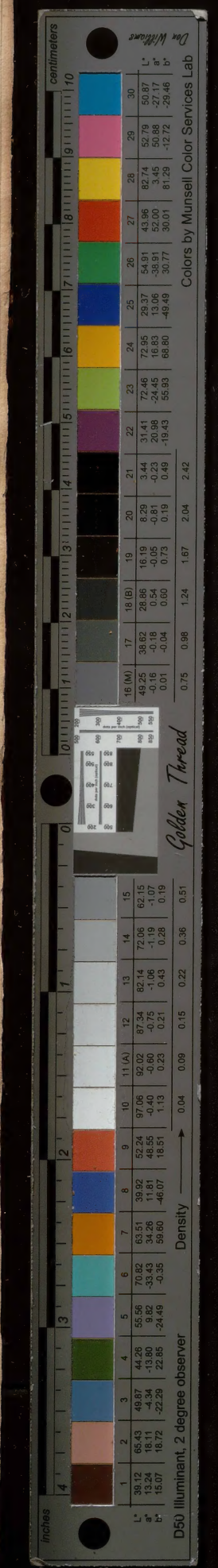
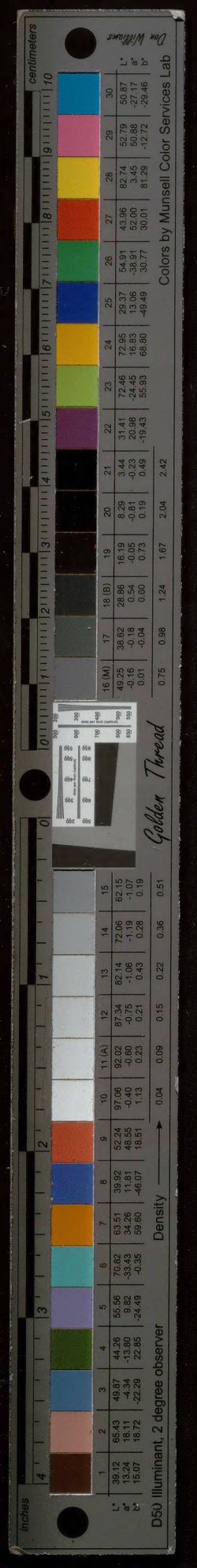

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At a Meeting of the Directors

Dec.r 12th. 1768. Present

Thos. Cadwallader	Samuel Rhoads
Edward Shippen	Thos. Mifflin
Jacob Lewis	Charles Thomson

Fra.s Hopkinson, Secretary.

The Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported, they had sent D.r Franklin a Bill of £150 Sterl.g with a List of Books & the following Letter.

"Sir, Nov.r 5th. 1768

Enclosed are two Bills of Exchange which we have the Pleasure of sending you by Order & for Account of the Directors of the Philadelphia Library Company. The one is for £50 Sterl.g drawn by James & Drinker on Neale & Digou; the other is Willing & Morris's Draught on John Mayne for £100 Sterling; both at thirty Days Sight & both payable to yourself. Out of this Money, when recieved, the Directors desire you would deduct what you were so kind as to advance for the Company and the Remainder they request the Favour of you to lay out for them in Books agreeable to the enclosed Catalogue: If the Books in the List should not amount to the Money sent, you will oblige the Company by adding such other Books, as you shall think proper. We have Hopes of sending you this Fall a farther Sum of 30 or 40 Pounds Sterlg if not more. We observe among the late Publications an expensive Work entituled British Zoology published under the Inspection of the Gymnodorcon Society; we should be glad to have your Opinion of it" —

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Jan.y 1769.

The Committee appointed to take a Bond of the Li-
brarian & Treasurer for the faithful Discharge of their
Offices, & deliver the same to the Secretary, was continued

At a Meeting of the Directors
January 9th. 1769.
Present.

Thomas Cadwallader	John Dickinson
Jacob Lewis	Samuel Rhoads
Thomas Mifflin &	Fra.s Hopkinson Secry

The Librarian's Bond for the faithful Dis-
charge of his Office, duly executed, was produced & delivered
into the Secretary's custody.

At a Meeting of the Directors
February 13th. 1769.
Present.

Thomas Cadwallader	Samuel Rhoads
John Dickinson	Jacob Lewis
Thomas Mifflin	Charles Thomson
Nicholas Waln	Abel James

Fra.s Hopkinson Secry

The following Gentlemen Viz.t

George Roberts	David Evans
Jonathan Shoemaker	Anthony Morris jun.r
James Pearson	Moses Bartram &
Charles Jervis	

being a Committee from the Union Library Company of
this City, waited on the Board of Directors, & expressed
themselves to the following Purpose — "That having
been informed that a Union between theirs and the
Philadelphia Library Company might take Place, the
had

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had waited on this Board, in Order to signify their Approbation of such an Union; & to obtain the Sentiments of the Directors respecting this Matter. To which the Directors replied; that they thought such a Scheme might better answer the Intention of public Libraries than if they were to continue in seperate Bodies; but that nothing decisive in this Matter could be done till their whole Company should be called together and consulted; at the same Time requesting the Committee that they would furnish their Secretary with an Estimate of their Property, for the Inspection of the Members of their Company, together with the Terms on which such an Union would be agreeable to them. —— After much Conversation, it appeared, that the Union Library Company (as far as the Committee had collected their Sentiments) were willing and desirous to unite on the following Terms Viz.t That they would resign their own Charter & Name and join themselves under the Charter and Name of the Library Company of Philadelphia, and deliver up, make over and Assign all their Estate and Property as a Company into the Hands of the Treasurer, Librarian &c. of the said Philadelphia Company, and so become Members of one and the same Body Corporate with them: Excepting only that they were desirous of having the Law, fixing a Fine of 5/ on Default of the Annual Payments on the first Monday in every May, enlarged in the following Manner viz.t that the said Fine should not be incurred, provided the said Annual Payment be made within Ten Days after the said first Monday in every May. —— Upon the whole, it was agreed That the whole Company should be called together and consulted on this Occasion: The Secretary, therefore, drew up

the

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the following Advertisement to be inserted in the next Thursday's Paper

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"The Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia are desired to meet at the Library Room on Monday the 13th. of March next at three o'Clock in the afternoon, in Order to consider whether it will be agreeable to them to unite with the Union Library Company of this City; & to receive Proposals for enlarging the Law respecting the Time fix'd for incurring the Fine on Default of their Annual Payments" —

Messrs. Dickinson & Waln were appointed a Committee for framing a Law, to be laid before the Company, for enlarging the Time of incurring Forfeitures on Default of the annual Payments, and likewise a Law for empowering the present Board of Directors to unite their Company with the Union Library Company aforesaid.

February 27th. 1769
At a Meeting of the Directors
Present

Samuel Rhoads — Jacob Lewis
Abel James — Charles Thomson
Thos. Mifflin & F. Hopkinson

As a full Board did not attend the Secretary was desired to summons the Directors to meet on Monday Evening next, and to endeavour to get a Board. —

At a special Meeting of the Directors
March 7th. 1769
Present

Thos. Cadwallader — Jacob Lewis
Charles Thomson — Edwd. Shippen

March 1769

Thomas Mifflin Abel James
John Dickinson Daniel Williams Treas.r
T: Hopkinson Secry

The Secretary laid before the Board the rough Draughts of two Laws, One for ascertaining the Fines on neglect of annual Payments; the other a Law for admitting the Members of the Union Library Company of this City; both which Laws, after some Amendments, were approved by the Directors, and the Secretary ordered to engross the same for the Inspection and Consideration of the Company at their Meeting on the 13th. Instant.

Samuel Nicholl having formerly applied for Leave to possess his Father's Share, which was assented to by the Directors, made a further Application to the Board intimating, that as his Father's Name is inserted in the Original Charter no Certificate was given or ever came into his Hand; he therefore prayed the Board to order their Secretary to make out for him a Certificate setting forth his Title to the said Share: Which was accordingly agreed to by the Board, and the Secretary directed to comply with said Request.

It being mentioned that Mr. Owen Biddle of this City had invented a Micrometer for the Telescope upon a new Construction and more simple than those made in England & much less expensive, and that he proposed to add such a Micrometer to the Company's Telescope for the Sum of Ten Pounds Currency; the Directors agreed to this Proposal, provided Messrs. Shippen, Mifflin & Thomson (who are a Committee appointed for the Purpose) shall upon Examination find the same likely to answer the ~~Purposes~~ Uses intended; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the said Sum of £10. to Mr. Biddle on his compleating the said Service

March 1769

Messrs. George Clymer, Benjamin Wynkoop, John Wilcox and Joseph Fox Junr. applied for Leave to become Members of the Company, which was readily assented to. —

At a general Meeting of the Library Company of Philadelphia at the Library Room on Monday the 13th. of March 1769, being summoned by Advertisement according to Law, the following Laws were regularly enacted and published, by a Majority of Votes of one fourth Part of the Company. Viz. A Law for ascertaining the Manner of incurring Fines on Neglect of the Annual Payments, and a Law for admitting the Members of the Union Library Company of this City. — The above Laws being regularly enacted ~~enacted~~, the Secretary was ordered to record the same. —

At a Meeting of the Directors
March 13th. 1769
Present

Abel James — Thos. Cadwallader
Jacob Lewis — Charles Thomson
Frad. Hopkinson Secry.

No Business done for Want of a Board. —

Messrs. Thomson & Mifflin received the following Letter from Dr. Franklin in Answer to theirs of the 5th. Nov. last

Gentlemen, London Jany. 5th. 1769

I received yours with two Bills of Exchange enclosed for £150 Sterling with a Catalogue of Books to be procur'd for the Library Company, which I have given Orders for collecting immediately, and hope they will be ready to

Budden or the next Ship — I am not acquainted with the Work entitled British Zoology, but shall enquire it's Character of some knowing Friends. Be pleased to present my Respects to the Directors, and assure them that I shall have a Pleasure in obeying their Orders — With great Esteem I am

Gent. Your most obedient
humble Servt.
B. Franklin

To Messrs. Thomson & Mifflin.

London Jan.y 27th. 1769

Gentlemen —

Enclosed is Bill of Lading and Invoice of the Books sent which I wish safe to Hand, and am

Gent. Your's & the Company's
most obedient Servant
B. Franklin

P.S. On looking over your Letter I see that I am desired to add other Books if the List does not amount to your Money. Now that I have received the Invoice and find it amounts to so little, I shall look out for some valuable Books to send you ~~Mr.~~ Storey, or to bring with me for you

Invoice of Books for the Philad.a Lib.y Comp.y
Shipp'd on Board the Pennsyl.a Packet Capt. Falconer
Jan.y 24th. 1769 by Wm. Strahan —

		£	s	d
American Tracts	3 Vol.s		18	—
Blackstone's Commentaries	3 V.	3	3	—
Ogilvie on Providence			10	—
—— his Poems			5	—
Lewis's Commercium Philosophicum		1	3	—
Marmontel's moral Tales	3 V.		9	—
Car.d Over		£	6	8

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		£	s	d
Brot Over			6	8
Cato or Essays on various Subjects	2 Vol.		6	
Confessional - last Edition			6	
Free & candid Disquisitions			5	
British Libraries			6	
Dignity of human Nature			10	
Macaulay's Hist. of England	4 V.	3	8	
L^d Lyttleton's Hist. of Henry 2^d	3 V.	3	3	
Sermons to young Women	2 V.		7	
Ja.^s Bundle	2 V.		10	
Swift's Letters by Hawksworth	3 V.		18	
Hawksworth's Telemachus		1	4	
Whitlock's Notes	2 V.	1	10	
History of the late War	4 C.		12	
Ferguson on civil Society	4 C. gilt		15	6
Stewarts polit: Aconomy	2 V.	2	10	
Present State of Brit.^n & Colonies			6	
Cummins's Elements of Clock-work			16	
Principles of Harrisons Time keeper			5	
Warner's Hist.^y of Ireland	2 V.	2	2	
Priestly's Hist.^y of Electricity		1	1	
Buck's Hibernia Curiosa			3	
Ruins of Poestum		2	10	
Collection of Lords Protests	2 V.		12	
Sharps Letters from Italy			5	
Barretti's Answer & Sharps Reply			4	6
Boswell's Acc.^t of Corsica			6	
Smith's Theory of moral Sentiments			6	
Sterne's Sentimental Journey			6	
Attempt to explain the Words Reason &c			3	
Essay on Crimes &c			5	
Coleman's Terence	2 V.		12	
Car.^d forw.^d		£	33	1

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Brot forwd		£ 1	33	1 —
Thornton's Plautus	2 Vol.		12	—
Nautical Almanac for 1767			6	6
Sydenham's Plato	4to		1	1 0
Collection of Voyages & Travels	7 V.		2	2 —
Ship-Wreck a Poem				3 6
Memoirs of the Dublin Society				3 —
Hampden's Polybius	2 V.			10 —
——— on English Constitution				3 —
Trunk & Matt.				12 6
Bills of Lading & shipping Charges				11 6
		£ 39	6	—

Received Jany 27th 1769 by the Hands of D. Franklin Thirty Seven pounds Seven Shillings in full of the within Bill

£ 37-7- in Cash
1-19- 5 p. Ct Discount for prompt Paymt
39-6

Will: Strahan

At a Meeting of the Directors
April 10th 1769 Present
Thos Cadwallader — Jacob Lewis
Charles Thomson — Danl Williams Treasr
& Frans Hopkinson Secry

Messrs David Evans & Jonathan Shoemaker being a Committee from the Union Library Company waited on the Board & reported that the Deed for assigning their Estate to this Company was prepared & executed & that the same should be delivered to the Secretary Tomorrow — the Secretary was therefore Ordered upon Delivery of the said Deed to give them Certificates for the Admission of the Members of the said Union Library Company —

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At a Meeting of the Directors
April 24th 1769
Present

Abel James — Jacob Lewis
Samuel Rhoads — Nicholas Waln
Chat. Thomson — Tho.s Cadwallader
John Dickinson — Fra.s Hopkinson Jun.r
Daniel Williams Treas.r
Ludowick Sprogell Librarian

The Secretary reported that a Committe from the Union Library Company had delivered to him a Deed of Conveyance of all their Estate to this Company duly executed & had received from him Certificates for the Admission of their Members, agreeable to a Minute of last Meeting

The following Accounts having been examined & approved of; Orders were drawn on the Treasurer for Payment of the same Viz.t

John Duncap's ——— £2-2-6
Ludowick Sprogell's Ballance ——— 6-1
Will.m Gaddard's ——— 12-6
Fra.s Hopkinson's ——— 12-5-6

The Treasurer also produced his Account, whereby it appeared that a Ballance in the Company's Favour remained in his Hands amounting to £38-18-7

Some Differences having arisen between William Logan & Joseph Morris a former Treasurer respecting the said William Logan's Annual Payment, whereby his repeated Offers to make his subsequent Annual Payments have been rejected on Account of his refusing to pay the Fines & Forfeitures which the said Joseph Morris asserted to have been accrued; the Board of Directors took the same into Consideration, and it

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it appearing to the Board that there was some Mistake in the Affair, came to the following Agreement Viz.t that if the said William Logan will discharge his Arrears of annual Payments no Fines shall be expected from him in Consequence of the above mentioned Difference, nor shall his Share be deemed forfeited ——

Isaac Hunt applied to be admitted a Member and was approved of ——

Robert Ritche applied for Leave to purchase the Share of William Coleman deceased, & George Mead theirt of Charles Coxe; both which were assented to ——

Mem.o R Ritche did not get Title to that Share I believe no Assignment has been Recorded. July 17th 1773 Wm Moore

The Treasurer produced to the Board an Acc.t against John Lawrence Esq.r for Rent for the Library Lot amounting to £40 — the Secretary was therefore ordered to wait on Mr. Lawrence & represent to him that the Junction of the Library Companies made it necessary that this Matter should be fully settled before the first of May next, as a new Board of Directors would probably then take Place; prior to which all Arrearages should be paid off ——

At a general Election held at the Library Room on Monday the first of May 1769 by the Library Company of Philadelphia, for the Choice of Directors and a Treasurer for the ensuing Year, the following Persons were elected. viz.

Directors

Thomas Mifflin
Charles Thomson
Joseph Paschall
John Kaighn
Michael Hilligas
Lindsay Coats
Josiah Hawes
David Evans
John Morton
Nicholas Waln

Treasurer

Samuel Morris Junr.

Frans. Hopkinson Secry

At a Meeting of the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia. May the 2.nd 1769.

Present:

Michael Hilligas	David Evans
Josiah Hewes	Lindsay Coats
Joseph Paschall	Charles Thomson
John Kaighn	John Morton.
Thomas Mifflin	

The Directors agreeable to the Laws nominated John Hughes Junr. to be their Secretary for the present Year. Lindsay Coats is appointed to speak to him, and know whether he will serve.

Ludovic Sprogle & John De Mauregnault are appointed to take Charge of the Library, the former to take the Charge of the Books at the State-House & the latter those at the House in third Street & each of them is ordered to pursue the Methods heretofore used at the several Places, until the Directors give Orders to the Contrary.

David Evans, Josiah Hewes, Thomas Mifflin, John Kaighn & Charles Thomson are appointed a Committee to examine the Books in both Houses, compare them with the Catalogues & see what Duplicates & Triplicates there are, and lay a List of the whole before the Directors, in Order that a new Catalogue may be made out.

Michael Hilligas and John Morton are desired to take a Bond with Security of the Treasurer in a Sum not less than six hundred pounds.

Thomas Mifflin & Charles Thomson are appointed to write to Doct.r Franklin & desire him not to purchase any more Books for the Library until further Orders. ——— Adjourn'd to Tuesday the 9.th Inst.

At a Meeting of the Directors
May the 9.th 1769.

Present:

Charles Thomson	Nicholas Waln	David Evans
Michael Hilligas	Josiah Hewes	John Kaighn
Thomas Mifflin	Joseph Paschall	Lindsay Coats.

John Hughes Junr. attending accepts the Office of Secretary for the

present Year, and the Directors for his Service, agree to allow him the Sum of Five pounds. —

The Committee appointed to examine the Books &c. is continued on that Service.

Mr. Hilligas delivered in the Treasurers Bond agreeable to Appointment which was deposited in the Hands of the Secretary.

Thomas Mifflin and Charles Thomson make Report that they have wrote to Doctor Franklin in the following Terms.

' Sir

Since we had the Pleasure of writing to you an Union has taken place between the principal Librarys in Town. In Consequence of which the Directors have ordered a Review of the Books. And as it is not yet fully known what we have or what we want, The Directors have ordered us to write and request the Favour of you, if you have not laid out our Money not to purchase any Books till you hear from them which will be in a short Time. What you have purchased they desire you will please to forward by the first Opportunity, Among them we hope for the Pleasure of seeing your Works & Robertsons History of Charles 5.th

We are, Sir
with the greatest Esteem & Respect
Your
Obedient humb.e Serv.ts

Philad.a 3.d May 1769.

Charles Thomson
Thomas Mifflin

Daniel Williams the late Treasurer produced his Accompt by which there appears a Balance in favour of the Library of £200.13.7 which he has paid to Samuel Morris junr. the present Treasurer. Michael Hilligas and Isaiah Hewes are appointed a Committee to examine the same.

The late Treasurer delivered to Samuel Morris junr. a Lease of the Library Lot. the Arrears whereof to the first of January last amount to Forty pounds, which he is desired to receive.

Richard Wistar having two Shares in the Library proposes to transfer one of them to his Sister Sarah which is assented to. —

Charles Thomson having informed the Board that John Lukens Esqr.

and

and Owen Biddle were appointed to go to the Capes to take an Observation of the Transit of Venus and that they would take it as a Favour if the Board would grant them the Use of the Telescope. The Directors willing to advance the Cause of Literature and promote so laudable an Undertaking unanimously agreed to grant them the Use of the Telescope for that Purpose they first giving the Secretary a Receipt for the same. —

In Order to render it more fit for the Service the Secretary is desired to apply to Mr. Owen Biddle & request him to affix an endless Screw to the Telescope for elevating or depressing it & the Directors will defray the Cost. —

The Directors gave the Secretary an Order on Francis Hopkinson the late Secry for the Book of Records Seal Papers & Effects that remain in his Hands belonging to the Library.

David Evans, Lindsay Coats & John Kaighn are appointed a Committee to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library, and when settled to lay them before the Directors.

Nicholas Waln & Thomas Mifflin are appointed a Committee to prepare a Petition to the Honourable House of Representatives for Leave to build a Library House on the State House Square and to lay the same before the Directors at their next Meeting. —

Adjourn'd to Tuesday the 16.th Inst.

At a Meeting of the Directors
May the 16th 1769.

Present. — Charles Thomson, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Nicholas Waln, John Kaighn, John Morton, Thomas Mifflin

The Committee appointed at a former Meeting to examine the Books &c.a report that they have made some Progress therein, but from the shortness of the Time have not been able to accomplish it. They are still continued. —

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers Accompt; report that they have not done the same, by Reason of their not having a true List of the Members, which they are about making for that Purpose. They are also continued.

The Secretary reports that in pursuance of a Vote of the last Meeting he has delivered the Telescope to Owen Biddle & taken his Receipt for the same & has directed him to make the proposed Improvement.

The Secretary also reports that he has received from Francis Hopkinson the Books of Minutes, Book of Records, Seal and sundry Papers, which remain'd in his Hands belonging to the Library.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library is continued on that Service.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Petition to the House of Repre=sentatives for Leave to build a Library House on the State House Square, laid the same before the Board for that Purpose, which, after some Amendments was approved of, and is as follows.

"To the Honourable the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania in general Assembly met,

The Petition of the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia humbly sheweth

That for the Advancement of Knowledge and Literature several publick Librarys have been erected in this City, but for the more effectually answering that good End it has been thought meet and expedient to unite them under the Charter Laws and Title of the Library Company of Philadelphia — That a Plan form'd on those generous and extensive Principles, which influ=enced the Founders of the said Library and which your Petitioners are dis=posed to pursue, will it is conceived be attended with publick Emolument and Provincial Reputation — That the said Library is now very consider=-ble and will in a Course of Years be greatly encreased and enriched with further Supplies of the best and most valuable Books and also with such useful Machines &c as may assist in the Illustration of the Sciences — That for the Reception of the Books &c a large Building will be necessary. —

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the House will grant them Permission to erect on some Part of the State House Lot such a Building as may be proper for the Purposes aforesaid and which they flatter themselves may be executed in a Manner consistent with the Plan Your Honourable House may have form'd for improving that publick Square." —

Charles Thomson and Nicholas Waln are appointed to get the above sign'd and to deliver it to one of the Members of Assembly.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Mifflin for the Sum of £1..2..0 being the Consideration for Crantz's History of Greenland.

Adjourn'd to Tuesday the 23.d Inst.t

At a Meeting of the Directors
May the 23.d 1769.

Present... Charles Thomson, David Evans, Josiah Hewes, Nicholas Waln, John Kaighn, Joseph Paschall, Thomas Mifflin, Lindsay Coats

The Committee appointed at a former Meeting to examine the Books &c report that they have made some further Progress therein and that they are to meet on that Business on Thursday next in order to have the same compleat=ed at the next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers Accompt, have not compleated the List of the Members, which must be done before that Accompt can be settled. They are still continued.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library report that many of them have been settled by them, but that some of them still remain unsettled. They are also continued.

The Committee appointed to get the Petition to the House of Assembly sign'd Report that the same was sign'd by the Directors and that they delivered it to James Pemberton one of the Members who laid it before the House.

Adjourn'd to Tuesday the 30.th Inst.t

At a Meeting of the Directors
May the 30.th 1769.

Present David Evans, Lindsay Coats, Josiah Hewes, John Kaighn, Joseph Paschall

As a [redacted] Board did not attend the Secretary was ordered to summon the Directors on Tuesday the 6.th of June next.

At a Meeting of the Directors
June the 6.th 1769.

Present. Charles Thomson. John Kaighn. Joseph Paschall. David Evans. Lindsay Coats. John Morton.

The Committee appointed for that Purpose have examined the Books in both Houses & made out a List of the Duplicates & Triplicates which they

they have laid before the Board.

Michael Hilligas and Josiah Hewes have examined the late Treasurers Accompt & find that the Sum of £200..13..7 which has been paid to Samuel Morris Junr is the full Balance that remaind in his Hands belonging to the Library. See Minutes for May 9th 1769.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library is still continued.

John Wharton applies to be admitted a Member of the Library by purchasing the Share of Jonathan Potts which is assented to. Adjourn'd to the 13th Inst.

At a Meeting of the Directors June the 13th 1769.—

Present. Charles Thomson, John Kaighn, Josiah Hewes.
David Evans, Joseph Paschall
Lindsay Coats, John Morton

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library have not yet compleated that Business. they are still continued.

John Field applies to be admitted a Member of the Library by purchasing the Share of John Cummings which is assented to, provided that previous thereto the Balance due by said Cummings to the Library is discharged.— Mr. Kaighn is desired to see what Arrearages are due & to acquaint John Field with the same.

Paul Fooks applies to be admitted a Member of the Library, for which he is willing to give a Work entituled Picart on the Religious Ceremonies of all Nations in Six Volumes in Folio. Charles Thomson and Joseph Paschall are appointed to examine the Books to know whether they are worth the Sum of Ten Pounds & make Report at the next Meeting.—

Joseph Paschall and Josiah Hewes are appointed to agree with some Person to print Six thousand Labels to be fixd in the Books, and Ten thousand Notes for the Use of the Library.—

Cornelius Barnes applies for Leave to become a Member of the Library upon payying the Sum of Ten Pounds which is assented to.—

Adjourn'd to Tuesday the 20th Inst.

At a Meeting of the Directors

June the 20th 1769.

Present. Charles Thomson, Lindsay Coates, John Morton, Thomas Mifflin, John Haighn, Joseph Paschall, David Evans, Josiah Hewes

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library is still continued on that Service.—

The Secretary inform'd the Board that in pursuance of a Minute of last Meeting John Field has taken an Assignment of John Cummings's Share which has been recorded, the Arrearages due by said Cummings being first discharged.—

Charles Thomson and Joseph Paschall report that they have examined the Books belonging to Paul Fooks entituled Picart on the Religious Ceremonies of all Nations in six Volumes in Folio which they think, at the lowest Estimate, equal to Ten Pounds.— The Secretary is ordered to make out for him a Certificate for a Share; The Books having been deposited in the Hands of Mr. Thomson for the Use of the Library.—

The Committee appointed to procure 6000 Labels to be fixd in the Books and 10,000 Notes for the Use of the Library is continued.

The Secretary reports that in Pursuance of a Vote of last Meeting, Cornelius Barnes has paid to the Treasurer the Sum of Ten Pounds, and received a Certificate for his Admission, which is Recorded.—

Charles Coxe having formerly applied for Leave to transfer his Share in the Library to George Meade who was approved of— the Assignment has been executed & Recorded.

John Wharton having applied to the Directors at their Meeting the 6th of June Inst.t for Leave to purchase Jonathan Potts's Share, which was assented to— The Secretary informd [redacted] that the Assignment from Jon.n Potts has been executed and recorded.—

Mary Brown having applied for Leave to transfer her Share in the Library to Samuel Fisher which was assented to; the Assignment is now produced and is ordered to be recorded.

Samuel Durburrow applies for Leave to transfer his Share to Hillary Baker which is agreed to, upon Condition that the Consideration Money, to be paid for the same being seven pounds, be paid to the Treasurer towards the discharge of said Durburrow's Bond.—

Turn over

Joseph Shippen, The Executors of Robert Greenway, The Executors of Edwa Scull, having failed in their Annual Payments their Shares are forfeited agreeab to the Charter, and they are no longer deem'd Members.

David Evans and Joseph Paschall are appointed to see that proper She are put up in the State House Room for the Reception of the Books &c.a —

Thomas Mifflin, Josiah Hewes and the Treasurer are appointed to put out to Interest on good Security the Money remaining in the Treasurer's Hands.

At a Meeting of the Directors July 16.th 1769.

Present. Charles Thomson, Nicholas Waln, Thomas Mifflin
Michael Hilligas, David Evans, John Kaighn
Joseph Paschall, Josiah Hewes & John Morton.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library is continued. —

The Secretary reports that he has made out Paul Fooks's Certificate, which will be delivered to him upon Application. —

The Committee appointed to procure 6000 Labels & 10.000 Notes Report that they have agreed with William Goddard for the Number propos

John Kaighn is desired to enquire whether the Terms of Hillary Bakers Admission are complied with. —

The Committee appointed to put out on Interest the Money remainin in the Treasurers Hands, not having found a proper Person, is continued.

M.r Waln is joind with the Treasurer to apply to John Lawrence Esq.r for the Arrearages of Rent due from him to the Library Company for their Lot of Ground. —

At a Meeting of the Directors pursuant to Adjournment July 11.th 1769. They divided themselve into Committees, to remove the Books from the Union Library Room to the State House, to lay aside such Duplicates of Books as had arisen from the two Librarys being united, and to assort the Books reserved for the Use of the Company and make out a general Catalogue.

It was ordered that an Advertisement should be inserted in the Public Papers, requesteng all those who had Books out to return them immediately and informing the Members that no Books would be let out until the Library should be put in Order.

At a Meeting of the Directors
August 8th 1769

Present. Charles Thomson — Nicholas Wain — Thomas Mussflin
David Evans — Michael Hilligas — Joseph Paschall
Josiah Hewes — John Morton.

The Committee appointed to put out on Interest the Money remaining in the Treasurers Hands are desired not to let it to any Persons but such as live in the City and will give sufficient Land Security.

At a Meeting of the Directors
September 5th 1769.

Present Charles Thomson — Nicholas Wain — David Evans
John Kaighn — Lindsay Coats — Joseph Paschall
Josiah Hewes.

John Kaighn reports that Hillary Baker has paid the Sum of Seven Pounds, to James Whitehall Treasurer of the Late Union Library Company, being the Consideration for Samuel Durborrows Share an Assignment of which has been executed to said Baker.

The Committee appointed to put out the Money in the Treasurers Hands report that he agreed to pay Interest for £200 for One Month since which they have lent on Interest the Sum of £205 to John Pemberton on two Mortgages assigned by him to this Company, which was approved of.

Thomas M:Kain Esq. of New Castle applies for Leave to purchase the Share of Joseph Shute deceased from his Widow which is agreed to, upon the Arrearages due on said Share being first discharged. Josiah Hewes is appointed to see the same compleated.

The Secretary reports that he has recorded Isaac Hunts' Certificate for a Share in the Library, he having paid the Treasurer the Sum of Ten Pounds, and being approved of as by a former Minute.

The Secretary is desired to apply to Mr. Charles Jervis for the Seal of the late Union Library Company.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library Company, The Committee for procuring Labels & Notes, & The Committee appointed to apply to Mr. John Lawrence are continued.

John Kaighn & Joseph Paschall are appointed to prepare Rules to be observed by the Librarians for their Regulation in letting out Books.

At a Meeting of the Directors
September the 25th 1769.—

Present Michael Hilligas, Nicholas Waln, Thomas Mifflin, Lindsay Coates, John Haighn, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall.—

The Secretary agreeable to Appointment has received the Seal of the Union Library Company from Charles Jervis which he produced to the Board and by Order deposited the same in the Cabinet.—

Elijah Brown having been employed by the Directors in numbering and Labelling the Books produced his Acco.t for that Service amounting to £6..0..3 for which Sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer.—

The Library being now put in Order and a Catalogue made out agreeable to a Minute of July 11.th last, Public Notice was ordered to be given in the Papers that Attendance would be given at the Library Room for letting out Books on the ensuing Thursday.—

The several Committees who have not yet been able to make their Reports are continued.—

John Haighn & Joseph Paschall agreeable to Appointment produced to the Board a Draught of Rules to be observed by the Librarians, which after some Amendments was agreed to and is as follows. Viz.

1. The Librarians shall attend at the Library on every Tuesday Thursday and Saturday from the 20.th Day of March to the 20.th Day of September, from 5 O'Clock until 9 in the Afternoon; and from the 20.th Day of September to the 20.th Day of March from 4 O'Clock until 8 in the Afternoon; in order to lend, let out, and receive Books &c. and shall keep a Book, column-wise, in which shall be noted the Name of the Borrower or Hirer, alphabetically; the Title, Size, Volume and Number of the Book; the Time for which the Book is lent or hired; the Sum for which the Note is given; the Time when the Book is returned; the Time it is kept out; the Sum deposited as Security; and the Forfeitures arising for all Defaults. Also, they shall enter in the Catalogue kept at the Library, such new Books as may be purchased or added

to the Library; label and number the same, as well as all others from which the Label or Number may be torn off or defaced. They shall also replace the Books on the Shelves, as they are brought in, as soon as they conveni-ently can, first having examined the same to see if free from Damage.—

2. They shall lend to any Member, on the Days above mentioned, who shall apply for the same

One Folio for 5
One Quarto for 4 } Weeks.
One Octavo for 3

Two Duodecimo's or four Pamphlets } for 2 Weeks.

and no greater Number, unless on Hire, or so connected as to be otherwise useful. Such Persons, however, who reside at the Distance of five Miles and upwards, from the City, are permitted to have Books double the above mentioned Time.— For all Books so lent, they shall take a Note, payable to the Company, for double the Value as nigh as they can estimate, of the Book or Set of Books to which they belong, conditioned to return the same undefaced, within the Time above mentioned, at the Expiration of which (unless Application has been made by another Member for the same Books and the Librarian requested to take a Memorandum thereof) the Borrower, if he inclines, may renew his Note for the like Time.—

3. Every Person not being a Member, who shall hire a Book he shall first give a Note for double the Value thereof, in the same Manner, and be subject to the same Regulations as a Member; and shall also deposit as Secu-rity, in the Hands of the Librarians, double the Value of such Book or Books: but if the Book or Books should belong to a Set, then such Person shall deposit treble the Value of the Volume or Volumes which he shall so take out: for which Book or Books so hired, he shall pay, for the Use of the Library, until the Expi-ration of his Note,

For Folio's — eight Pence
Quarto's — Six Pence
Octavo's — four Pence
Duodecimos
Pamphlets
} per Week for each Volume, and no smaller Sums, altho' the Book or Books should be returnd within the Week.—

4. Every Member or other Person who shall neglect to return the Book or Books, within the Time specified in his Note, shall pay to the Librarian for such Neglect for the Use of the Library, four Pence for each Time the Library

is afterwards opened for letting out Books: and if not returned within one Month from the Expiration of the Time limited in the Note and all Fines accruing paid off, the Note or deposit Money shall be deemed forfeited to the Company.—

5. Books returned are to be delivered into the Hands of the Librar=ans, to be examined whether damaged or not.

6. No Person from whom any Hire or Forfeiture is due, or who hath damaged any Book, shall be permitted to have another Book till Satisfaction be made.—

7. If it should happen that a Member, and one who is not a Memb should apply for the same Book at the same Time, the Member shall ha the Preference.

8. A Member may take out on Hire, without a Deposit, as many Books in Value for which his Share in the Library shall, by the Librarian be deemed a sufficient Security, on the same Terms in other Respects, as Persons who are not Members.

9. None but Members shall be admitted within the Rails.

10. The Librarians, from their Book of Entries, shall make out a List of the Forfeitures which have arisen, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose; and, on the first Monday in every Month, they shall deliver to the Secretary a Copy of the same, to be laid before the Directors, at the usual Meeting.

John^a De Mauregnault & Lodowick Sprogell were proposed as Librarian for which Service the Directors were of Opinion that Twenty Pounds p Annu to each was a sufficient Salary.— Mr. Kaighn & Mr. Coats are appointed t wait upon them to know whether they will serve.

David Evans reports that Owen Biddle has returned to him the Telescope belonging to the Company, and produced said Biddle's Accompt for making the Alterations proposed amounting to £2..10..0 for which Sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer.—

At a Meeting of the Directors October 30th 1769

Present Charles Thomson Michael Hilligas
David Evans Nicholas Waln

Lindsay Coats
Josiah Hewes
& Joseph Paschall ..

The Committee for settling the Accompts of the late Union Library have met frequently, and expect to have that Business soon compleated.

The Committee for procuring Labels & Notes for the Use of the Library report that they have obtained as many Labels as were necessary, and that some part of the Notes are ready to be delivered when applied for. The same Committee is continued for procuring a sufficient Number of Notes.

The Committee for applying to Mr. John Lawrence, having not yet received the Money due, is continued.

Josiah Hewes reports that Thomas M:Kean declines taking an Assignment of Joseph Shute's Share.

The Committee appointed to wait on John De Haureignault and Lodowick Sprogell report that they agreed to serve the Company as Librarians upon the Terms proposed by the Directors and conformable to the Rules of the Library, and that in Consequence thereof they attended at the Library on Thursday the 28th of September last.

Mr. Thomson, Mr. Waln & Mr. Coats are appointed to revise the Laws of the Company, and make Report at the next Meeting.

William Warner applies for Permission to purchase the Share of Zebulon Potts, and Caleb Cresson to purchase the Share of John Potts deceased from his Executor Samuel Potts, both which are assented to.

The Duplicates of Books being deposited in the Union Library Room and valued by the Directors, David Evans and Lindsay Coats are desired to assist Josiah Hewes in removing the Remainder of them unsold to his Store and sorting them on the Shelves. Josiah Hewes is requested to sell them agreeable to their Valuation.

At a Meeting of the Directors
November 13th 1769.

Present Charles Thomson, Nicholas Waln, David Evans
Lindsay Coats, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall
Thomas Mifflin, John Kaighn, & Sam:l Morris, Treasurer.

The former Committees not having compleated the Business assigned them

them, are continued.—

The Secretary is desired to deliver up to James Johnston & Lodowick Sprogell, the late Librarians, their Bonds, which had been given to the Company for the faithful Discharge of their Trust; it appearing to the Directors that they had complied with the Terms of their Obligations.—

An Order was drawn upon James Pearson for the Minute Books, Accompt Books &c. that remain in his Hands belonging to the late Amicable Library Company, which the Secretary is desired to present to him and also to receive the Books.—

Josiah Hewes & John Kaighn are appointed to collect the Money due for such Duplicate Books as have been sold.

John Heaton and Jane his Wife Administrators of John Erwin deceased apply for Leave to transfer said Erwin's Share in the Library to John Mease of Philad.a Merchant which is agreed to.—

Robert Morris Merchant applies to be admitted a Member upon paying the Sum of Ten Pounds which is also agreed to.—

At a Meeting of the Directors
November 29.th 1769.—

Present Michael Hilligas, David Evans, Josiah Hewes
Lindsay Coats, Joseph Paschall, John Kaighn
Charles Thomson.—

M.r Thomson, M.r Waln, and M.r Coats have revised the Laws of the Company which they are of Opinion require no Alteration, and have prepared a short Account of the present State of the Library to be prefixed to the Catalogue of Books which is proposed to be printed.—

The Secretary reports that, agreeable to an Order of last Meeting, he has delivered Lodowick Sprogell's Bond to him, and that James Johnston is not in his Hands neither has it been applied for.—

The Secretary having not obtained the Minute Books &c. belonging to the late Amicable Library Company, from James Pearson altho' he had waited on him for that Purpose; Josiah Hewes & Joseph Paschall are appointed to apply to him for them.—

The former Committees who are not yet enabled to make Full Report are continued.—

M.r Hilligas, M.r Evans, M.r Waln & M.r Coats are appointed to agree with a Printer to strike off 600 Copies of a Catalogue for the Use of the Library Company.—

John Heaton's Assignment of the late John Erwen's Share to John[illegible]
Hease was produced to the Board & Ordered to be recorded.—

William Gallagher having assign'd his Share to David Hennidy with the Approbation of the Directors the Assignment is produced and ordered to be recorded.

The following Letter from Dr. Franklin, Mr. Thomson laid before the Board, in Answer to a Letter written by him & Mr. Mifflin by Order of the Directors the 3d. of May last.—Viz.t

London July 7th. 1769.—

Gentlemen,

I received your favour of the 3d. of May, and shall send you the Books you write for & Capt. Falconer.— Seeing some Time since that other Libraries were about to be united with yours, I did for that Reason forbear buying any Books but Robinson's History, till I should have further Orders, lest I should purchase Duplicates.— I think we should have, in some one of our Public Libraries, all the Transactions of every Philosophical Society in Europe, viz.t The Memoirs of the Academy of Sciences at Paris; those of Peterburgh; of Haerlem in Holland; of Bononia in Italy &c. with the Continuations as they come out Yearly; and also the French Encyclopedia. They would be extremely useful to us on many Accounts, and are rather too heavy for private Collections: But as they are in different Lan=
=guages, and the Majority of our Members are only acquainted with English, I have not ventured to buy them without Orders; and in general I wish to have express Directions, and that as little as possible may be left to my Judgment in laying out the Company's Money.

With great Esteem, I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
B. Franklin

Messrs. Thomson & Mifflin.

The same Gentlemen are requested to write to Dr. Franklin & desire him to procure for the Company the French Encyclopædia, to furnish them with his Accompt & recommend some Person who will supply them with Books in future on the most advantageous Terms.—

The Director being informd by Josiah Reeves that Joshua Fisher (from

(from whom two Setts of Purver's Bible were purchased) by Order of Dr. Fothergill of London, for whose Acct. he sold them, offers to refund 45/ out of the Price he received for each Sett, Josiah Hewes is desired to wait upon Mr. Fisher & receive the same.

At a Meeting of the Directors
December 12th. 1769.

Present- Michael Hilligas, Nicholas Waln, David Evans, Lindsay Coats, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, John Kaighn.—

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Will.m Henderson for £5..0..6 being the Price of a Cannon Stove bought of him, also another in favour of Lodowick Sprogell for £1..10..10 being the Amot. of Money paid by him for a Cord of Wood hawling &c. for the Use of the Library.—

At a Meeting of the Directors
January 8th. 1770

Present David Evans, Michael Hilligas, Josiah Hewes, Nicholas Waln, Lindsay Coats, Joseph Paschall, John Kaighn, John Morton.

The Committee appointed to agree with a Printer to strike off 600 Catalogues for the Use of the Library report that they have agreed with Joseph Cruikshank to print that Number at the Rate of £3..15..0 for each Sheet that the Catalogue contains. the said Cruikshank agrees to take a Share in the Library at the Price of £10 in part of Payment.—

The same Committee is appointed to superintend the Printing.

The Committee appointed to remove the Duplicate Books from the Union Library Room to Josiah Hewes's Store have compleated that Business.

In Pursuance of a Minute of last Meeting the Secretary has recorded the following Assignments Viz.: John Heaton Administrator of John Erwin deceased to John Mease— and William Gallagher to David Kennedy.—

The Committee appointed to write to Dr. Franklin having not yet perform'd that Business is continued & also further desired to include in their Order for Books the following List. Viz.:

An Appeal to common Sense in Behalf of Religion 8.vo — Price 5/.—

The Anatomy of the Horse including a particular Description of the Bones Cartilages, Muscles, Fascias, Ligaments, Nerves, Arteries Veins & 18 Tables done from Nature by George Stubbs Painter — 5 Guineas. folio.

List of Books continued

Letters from Theodosius to Constantia

Another Traveller by Coxiat Jun.d. 12.° 2 Vol. ... 5/ sewed

New Clarissa by Madame de Beaumont 2 Vol .. 6/ ... 12.°

Narrative of the Hon.ble John Byron .... 8.° ..... 8/.

Distress'd Wife .... 2 Vol. . . small 8.° 5/

Woman of Honour 3 Vol. . . . . 12.° ..... 9/.

Ferguson's Young Gentleman & Lady's Astronomy 5/6 .. 8.°

Gray's Reflections on Inland Navigation ... 1/ ... 8.°

Priestly's Rudiments of English Grammer ... 2/6 .... 8.°

History of Barbados . . . . . 2/6 small 8.°

Priestly on Government . . . . . 3/ sewed .... 8.°

Select Essays on Husbandry . . . . . 6/ .... 8.°

Ferguson's Tables & Tracts relative to several Arts and Sciences .. } .... 5/ .... 8.°

Advantages of Inland Navigation . . . . 2/6 .... 8.°

The following in Quarto.

N.° 44. M.r Macaulay's History of England from 4.th Vol. exclusive

45. D.° . . . . . D.° . . . . . from 3.d .... D.°

51. Warner's History of Ireland the 2.d Vol. if continued.

59. Birch's History of the Royal Society from 4.th Vol. exclusive

123. Harleian Miscellany from the 8.th Vol. exclusive

161. Transactions of the Royal Society from 56.th Vol exclusive

Octavo.

28. Grays Debates of the Commons from the Year 1694 or 10.th Vol exclusive

57. Nautical Almanack for 1770

74. London Magazine from the 37.th Vol. excl.e

118. The History of the H. of Lords from the 8.th Vol. exclusive

117. D.° . . . . . D.° . . Commons from 16.th .. D.° . D.°

545. London Magazine from the 36.th Vol. exclusive

102. Gentlemans Magazine from the 38.th Vol. D.°

144. D.° . . . . D.° . . . from . . 33.d . . . . . D.°

166. Parliamentary History of England from the 24.th Vol. excl.e

192. Monthly Review from . . . the 39.th Vol. exclusive

292. Annual Register for 1765. 1767. 1768 & 1769.

302. Baddam's Memoirs of the Royal Society from 10.th Vol. exclusive

337. Debates in Parliament from 9.th Vol or 1731. exclusive

408. Royal Magazine from the 12.th Vol exclus.

474. Universal D.° ... from . . 41.st Vol. D.°

840. Martins D.° from . . . . 2.d Vol. D.°

List of Books. continued.

Duodecimo's

Fool of Quality 2 Setts from the 2.d Vol. exclusive
Tristram Shandy ... from .. 9.th Vol. Do. if continued
Sentimental Journey ... from ... 2.d Vol. .. Do. ... Do.
North Briton ... in 2 Volumes
Voltaires Works from the 34.th Vol: if continued. —

Josiah Hewes reports that he has received the Sum of £4..10..0 from Joshua Fisher being the Money he agreed to refund out of the Prices paid to him for 2 Setts of Purvers Bible

The Committees who have not yet made Reports are continued. —

Mr. Henry Miller, German Printer, of Philad.a having presented the Company with the German News Papers for the Years 1767. 1768 & 1769, The Secretary is desired to return him the Thanks of the Directors for his Donation.

William Attmore produced his Accompt for Services done for the Company amounting to Ten Pounds, which was allowed and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for Payment of the same. —

It appearing to the Directors that the said Attmore had compleated his Contract by serving as Assistant Clerk according to his Agreement with the late Association Library Company, in Consideration thereof the Secretary is ordered to make out for him a Certificate for a Share.

Josiah Hewes is desired to lett the Company's House in Third-Street at the best Rent that can be procured & to advertise it for that Purpose

At a Meeting of the Directors

February 5.th 1770

Present David Evans, Joseph Paschall, Lindsay Coates
Josiah Hewes. Charles Thomson Thomas Mifflin
John Kaighn.

It being represented to the Directors that Mr. Paul Fooks has generously offerd to translate from the French, for the Use of the Company, a Pamphlet containing an Explanation of Hogarth's Prints, and that he is desirous of having the Cuts for that Purpose, the Librarian is therefore ordered to deliver them to him. —

The Directors having observed that Hogarth's Prints have been much defaced by being let out to the Members, it is ordered

that the new Sett shall be locked up in the Cabinet, and that the old Sett, shall remain in the Library for the Use of the Members in common, but not let out without the Consent of the Directors.

Some Complaints having been made that the Rules of the Library, with Respect to preventing Members Sons & others from having Acess to the Books, are too strict. It is agreed that any Person approved of by the Directors & having an Order from a Member shall be admitted within the Rails in the same Manner as a Member.

At a Meeting of the Directors
February the 19th 1770.

Present Michael Hilligas, David Evans, Joseph Paschall
John Morton, Lindsay Coats, Josiah Howes
Charles Thomson, John Haighton, Nicholas Waln.

Josiah Howes is joind with the Committee formerly appointed, to apply to Mr. John Laurance for the Arrearages of Rent due for the Library Lot; and as his Lease is expired they are desired to lett it again.

The Secretary reports that he has made out William Attmore's Certificate agreeable to Order which he has recorded.

The former Committees who have not yet made Reports are continued.

An Order was drawn on James Whitall in favour of Samuel Morris Junr. the Treasurer for the Balance remaining in his Hands as Treasurer of the late Union Library Company

The following Accompts were produced to the Board viz

Joseph Paschalls' of £2..11..2 being the Amount of Money disbursed by him for the Company; and Hallowell and Jones's of £ 2..4..3 for Work done at the Library Room, both which were allowed, and Orders were drawn on the Treasurer for Payment of the same.

Joseph Howell agrees to serve the Company as Assistant Clerk One Year and a half from the first Day of March next in Consideration of the Use of the Library for that Time as a Member and at the Expiration thereof a Certificate for a Share.

At a Meeting of the Directors March 5th 1770.

Present David Evans, Michael Hilligas, Nicholas Waln
Lindsay Coats, Charles Thomson, Joseph Paschall
Josiah Hewes. John Haighton.—

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library is continued.—

The Committee for procuring Notes for the Use of the Library is continued.

The Committee appointed to apply to Mr. John Lawrance for the Arrearages of Rent due on the Library Lot & for letting the said Lot, is continued.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of the Catalogue is continued.

The Committee for procuring the Books belonging to the late Amicable Library have produced the Ledger belonging to said Company and James Pearson's Accompt which are delivered to the Committee on the Union Library Accompts to make a Settlement with him.—

The Committee appointed to write to D.r Franklin is continued.

The Committee appointed to collect the Money due for the Duplicate Books sold, is continued.—

Josiah Hewes is continued on the Business of letting the Company's House in Third-Street.—

The Treasurer not attending no Report is made of the Sum he received from James Whiteall in Pursuance of an Order drawn by the Directors in his Favour at their last Meeting.—

Philip Syng having two Shares applies for Leave to transfer one of them to George Mifflin which is agreed to.—

James Wagstaffe also applies for Leave to transfer his Shares in the Library to Francis Harris which is agreed to.

At a Meeting of the Directors
April 9th 1770.

Present Charles Thomson, Thomas Mifflin, Joseph Paschall
Lindsay Coats, Josiah Hewes, David Evans
Nicholas Waln, John Morton, John Kaighn.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Union Library Report that they have made out a particular State of the Debts due which they now produce to the Board and are desired to deliver to the Treasurer, and request him to enter the several Articles in his Book.

The Committee for procuring Notes for the Use of the Library, Report that they have completed that Business.

The Committee appointed to apply to Mr. John Lawrance for the Arrearages of Rent due is continued.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of the Catalogues is continued.

The Committee appointed to write to Dr. Franklin is continued.

Josiah Hewes & John Kaighn being the Committee appointed to collect the Money due for the Duplicate Books sold, Report that they have paid to the Treasurer One hundred and sixty eight Pounds and seven Shillings; of which Sum Josiah Hewes paid One hundred and five Pounds and John Kaighn Sixty three Pounds and seven Shillings as appears by their Receipts from the Treasurer. John Kaighn further Reports that he has paid into the Hands of the Treasurer Twelve Pounds fourteen Shillings and seven Pence being Money collected by him from the Members of the late Union Library. The Treasurer's Receipt for the same is produced.

Josiah Hewes is continued on the Business of letting the Company's House in Third Street.

The Treasurer not being present, it does not appear what Sum was paid him in Consequence of an Order drawn on James Whitall the late Treasurer of the Union Library.

Josiah Hewes & Joseph Paschall who had been formerly appointed to settle the Accompts of the late Association Library report that there now remains in the Hands of Joseph Pemberton the late Treasurer of

that Company the Sum of Sixty One Pounds twelve Shillings & Nine Pence and that there is due on Acc.t of that Company from John De Mauregnault the Sum of Eight Pounds fifteen Shillings and seven pence An Order was drawn on Joseph Pemberton for the above Sum of £61..12..9 payable to the Treasurer.

Ebenezar Brooks applies for Liberty to purchase a Share of Dan.l Montgomery who has two Shares, and is approved of on said Montgomery being Security for him as he is under Age.

Richard Footman having produced an Assignment of David Potts's Share which received the Approbation of the Directors, The Secretary is ordered to record it.

John Hughes having assign'd his Share to his Son Isaac with the Consent of the Directors, the Assignment was produced and Ord.d ered to be recorded.

Richard Robinson applies to purchase the Share of Joseph Trotter Jun.r which is assented to on all Arrearages being paid that may be due from said Trotter.

Josiah Hewes produced an Assignment of a Share from Joseph Jacobs which is ordered to be recorded; by which Means he became possessor of two Shares and now applies for Liberty to assign his own Share to Thomas M.c Kean of Newcastle which is assented to.

The Secretary is ordered to advertise in the public Papers, that the Members are to meet at the Library Room on Monday the 7.th of May in Order to chuse Directors and a Treasurer for the ensuing Year agreeable to their Charter.

At a Meeting of the Directors April 30.th 1770.

Present Michael Hilligas, David Evans, Josiah Hewes
John Morton, Joseph Paschall, John Haughton
Charles Thomson, Lindsay Coats & Sam.l Morris Jun.r Treasurer

The Committee appointed to deliver the Account of the Debts due to the late Union Library Company to the Treasurer Report that they have given it to him and also requested him to charge them in his Book.

The Committee appointed to apply to Mr. John Lawrance for the Arrearages of Rent due on the Library Lot is continued.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of the Catalogues is continued.—

The Committee appointed to write to Dr. Franklin is continued.

Josiah Hewes is still continued on the Business of letting the Company's House in third Street.

The Treasurer reports that he has received of James Whitall the Treasurer of the late Union Library the Balance which remain'd in his Hands being £17..13..11 and that he has also received of Joseph Pemberton Treasurer of the late Association Library the Balance which remained in his Hands being £61..12..9 agreeable to Orders drawn upon them.

Josiah Hewes produced a Promissory Note bearing Interest for the Sum of £57..13..7 payable to the Company by Joseph Marriott for Value received which is delivered to the Treasurer.

The Secretary reports that he has recorded the Assignments of Shares to the following Persons approved of by the Directors. Namely; James Wagstaffe to Francis Harris; John Hughes to Isaac Hughes; Joseph Jacobs to Josiah Hewes; Josiah Hewes, who possessed two Shares, to Thomas McKean; David Potts to Richard Footman; & Philip Syng, who held two Shares, to George Mifflin.

Samuel Taylor produced his Account against the Company for binding Books &c. amounting to £6..3..6 and it appearing to the Directors that he was indebted in the Sum of £1..6..3 an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in his Favour for the Balance due to him being four Pounds seventeen Shillings and three pence.

John Lane produced an Assignment of Isaac Lane's Share made to him by John Pemberton by Virtue of a Power of Attorney properly Recorded from said Isaac Lane. John Lane is approved of as a Member and the Assignment ordered to be recorded.—

John Lownes applies to purchase the Share of Joshua Pancoast deceased which is assented to.—

William Fisher junior applies to purchase Charles Willing's Share which is agreed to. (Mem.ᵉ This was never Assigned I believe, WA)

Joseph Paschall, John Haighn & Lindsay Coats are appointed to

settle the Treasurers Acompt and the Acc.ts of Josiah Hewes for the Sales of Books &c. and lay their Proceedings beford the Board at the next Meeting.—

The Directors having thought it proper at a former Meeting that 100 Copies of Catalogues should be added to the Number originally proposed being 600 and the Committee appointed to superintend the Printing having agreed with the Printer for that additional Number the Secretary is therefore ordered to make a Minute of it here.—

At a Meeting of the Directors May 4th 1770

Present Michael Hilligas John Morton Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall John Haighton Charles Thomson
Lindsay Coats. Present also Sam.l Morris jun.r Treasurer

The Treasurer reports that he has entered all the outstanding Acompts due to the Library in his Book.

The Committee appointed to apply to John Lawrance for the Arrearages of Rent due to the Company for their Lot in Chesnut Street, amounting to fifty Pounds report that they have not received it of him, & that he promised to make speedy Payment.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of the Catalogues report that the Printer expects to have them compleated next Week.—

The Committee appointed to write to D.r Franklin report that they have not compleated that Business.

Josiah Hewes reports that he has not lett the Company House in third Street as no one has applied to Rent it.

The Secretary reports that agreeable to a Minute of last Meeting he has recorded John Pemberton's Assignment of Isaac Zane's Share to John Zane, which Assignment was made by Virtue of a Power of Attorney from said Isaac Zane.

The Treasurer reports that he paid the Ground Rent of the House in third Street to Sam.l Emlen being Thirteen Pounds which became due the 1.st of January last and that he received from David Evans Six Pounds his Part of the Ground Rent.—

The Directors agreed to let the Company's Lot up Chesnut Street to Charles Thomson for the Term of five Years and Eight Months he paying the Annual Rent of Nine Pounds and at that Rate for the Eight Months, the Rent to commence from the 1st Day of May 1770. It was also agreed that if the Proprietaries or any other Lawfully claiming under them shall before the End of the above Term, endeavour to dispossess the said Charles Thomson of the Lot or any Part of it he the said Charles Thomson is to surrender it to the Directors and they will allow him out of the Rent for the Dung laid on it such Sum as any three Men indifferently chosen by the Parties shall agree upon in Proportion to the Term unexpired when he delivers it up and also that he the said Charles Thomson if the above Case happens or at the Expiration of the Term shall be at Liberty to remove or sell the Cross-Fence put up by him on the Lot.—

The Secretary is desired to give Mr. Thomson a Copy of the above Minute & to desire he would sign the same to shew his Approbation.—

The Committee appointed to settle Josiah Rews's Acco.t report that they had examined the Sales of Books made by him and found that he had paid the Balance in his Hands to the Treasurer and had given him also an Accompt of the Debts which remain unpaid on that Account.—

John Hughes the Secretary produced his Accompt for his Service as Secretary and other Services done amounting to £14. and it appearing that he was indebted to the Company for Books bought in the Sum of £3..19..6 there remains a Balance due to him of £10..0..6 for which Sum an Order was drawn in his favour on the Treasurer.—

Thomas Wishart produced his Accompt against the Company for Candles sold amounting to £5..9..3 for which Sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer.—

John De Mauregnault produced his Accompt against the Company for his Services as Librarian, for Expences defrayed by him & for preparing a Copy of a Catalogue for the Press and correcting the Sheets amounting to £56..10..11 and it appearing to the Board that there is in his Hands

for Book Hire &c. £36.. 6.. 4 a Balance remains due to him of £20.4..
for which Balance an Order was drawn on the Treasurer.

Joseph Saul who had contracted with the late Union Library Company
to be admitted a Member in Consideration of Work to be done by him, not
having yet perform'd and now declining his Agreement, is with his own Con-
-sent no longer a Member of this Company.—

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accompts
report that the Accompts are right and that there is exclusive of Bonds
and the above Orders
and Notes a Balance in Cash remaining in his Hands of £389..9..6

At a general Election held at the Library Room
on Monday the 7th of May 1770 by the Library Company
of Philadelphia, for the Choice of Directors & a Treasurer
for the ensuing Year, the following Persons were elected. viz:

Directors

. Michael Hilligas
. Joseph Paschall
. Lindsay Coats
. Nicholas Waln
. Josiah Hewes
. John Drinker jun.
. John Haighn
. Robert Strettel Jones
. Charles Thomson
. Robert Tuckness

Treasurer

Samuel Morris jun.

John Hughes jun. Secretary

At a Meeting of the Directors
the 9th May 1770.

Present.

Michael Hillegas,	Nicholas Waln.
Josiah Hewes -	John Drinker -
Joseph Paschall -	Robert Strettel Jones -
John Kaighn -	Robert Tuckness. & -
Sindsay Coates.	Samuel Morris Treasurer

John Hughes the late Secretary having removed into the Country, the Directors nominated John De Maureg. nault to be their Secretary for the present Year, and agreed to allow him for his Service Five Pounds.

They appointed said Mauregnault their Librarian for the present Year with a Salary of Forty Pounds, for which he is also to provide an Assistant.

Josiah Hewes and the Treasurer are desired to apply to John Lawrence for the Payment of £50. which is due to the Library.

The Secretary is ordered to call on John Hughes our late Secretary for the Seal, Book of Records and Papers belonging to the Library, remaining in his hands.

Joseph Crukshanks having acquainted the Directors, that the Catalogues are printed off, and produced one; they appointed Michael Hillegas and John Kaighn to be a Comittee, to get the Catalogues Stitched; and when there a sufficient number of them ready, to deliver them to the Secretary; who is desired to deliver one to each Member, applying for the same, and to take an account of their Names

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for £10 in favour of Joseph Crukshanks in Part of Payment for the printing of

of the Catalogue.

The following Persons not having paid their annual Payments and Fines agreeable to the Charter, have forfeited their Shares, and are no longer deemed Members, of which the Librarian is to take notice. Viz^t John Charington, Samuel Howell, Joseph Lancaster, John Moore, Joseph Shute & Francis Trumble.

Michael Hillegas and Charles Thompson are appointed as a Committee to answer Doctor Franklin's Letter of the 7^th July last, mentioned in the Minute of Nov^r 29^th 1769. and to write to him agreeable to the said Minute. They are also desired to write for the Books, as p^r List in the Minute of the 8^th January last.

Josiah Hewes is desired to let the Company's House in Third-Street & to dispose of the Books yet remaining unsold.

The Treasurer acquainted the Directors, that he has paid the three Orders drawn on him mentioned in the last Minute; and that he has received three annual Payments and Fines amounting to £4.10.—

Then they Adjourned to Monday the 21^st inst^t

At a Meeting of the Directors on Monday the 21^st May 1770

Present.

Nicholas Waln	John Drinker Jun^r
Josiah Hewes	Robert Strettel Jones &
John Kaighn	Robert Tuckness.
Joseph Paschall	Samuel Morris Jun^r Treasurer

Josiah Hewes and the Treasurer report that they have not called on John Lawrence, as they heard he was out of Town.

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The Secretary acquainted the Directors that he has received of John Hughes the late Secretary the Seal; Book of Records and other Papers belonging to the Library.

Michael Hillegas and John Kaighn are continued as a Committee, to get the Catalogues stitched & delivered to the Secretary.

The Treasurer reports, that he has paid the Order in favour of Joseph Cruikshanks for £30.

The Committee to write to Doctor Franklin are continued on that Business

Joseph Stansbury applied for Leave to purchase the Share of Joseph Clarke dcd., which was agreed to, he paying the Arrears (if any) due thereon.

The Managers of the House of Employ, having applied for the Loan of a Sum of Money; it is agreed that they shall have the Sum of £100. giving sufficient Security; and Nicholas Waln & Robert Strettel Jones are appointed a Committee to transact that Business.

William Goddard having produced his Account for printing Labels, Notes &c: amounting to £20.3.6. from which having deducted £10. for a Share in the Library, which he agreed to take, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for the remainder, being £10.3.6. & the Secretary is ordered to make out a Certificate & deliver it to Said Goddard.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 11th June 1770

Present.

Lindsay Coates
Robert Strettel Jones
Robert Tuckness.
John Kaighn
John Drinker

No Business was done for want of a Board.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 2: July 1770.
Present

Nicholas Waln — Charles Thompson
Michael Hillegas — Joseph Paschall
Josiah Hewes — John Drinker Junr.
Lindsay Coates — Robert Tuckniss. &
Robert Strettel Jones — Samuel Morris Junr. Treasurer

Josiah Hewes and the Treasurer are continued as a Committee to get in what is due to the Library by John Lawrence Esq.

The Committee appointed to superintend the stitching & giving out of the Catalogues, not having compleated that Business, are continued

The Committee to write to Doctor Franklin about Books are also continued.

Likewise the Committee to let out the Money to the Managers of the House of Employ; & they are authorized to take their Bond for the Money let out to them.

Joseph Fox Shanks brought in his Account Ball.e due to him after deducting £10. for his Share in the Library £29 for which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in his favour.

At a Meeting of the Directors.
on Monday the 14th August 1770
Present

Nicholas Waln — Robert Strettel Jones. &
John Kaighn — Robert Tuckniss.

Not a Sufficient Number of Directors attending to make up a Board, they adjourned to next Monday, and the Secretary is desired to summon the Directors on that Day

At the Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 21st: August 1770.

Present

Robert Tuckness
Jnº: Drinker Junr:
John Kaighn
Lindsay Coates &
Josiah Hewes.

As there was not a sufficient Number of the Directors who met to make a Board the Meeting was adjourned to the next monthly Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 10th: September 1770.

Present.

Charles Thompson
Josiah Hewes
John Drinker Junr:
Joseph Paschall
Lindsay Coates
Robert Strettel Jones
John Kaighn
Robert Tuckness
& Samuel Morris Junr: Treas:

Mr. John Musgatroyd having presented to the Company a Plan of the City of New York, and two Books, the one entituled Prayers for the Sabbath, the Beginning of the Year & the Day of Atonement &c. & the other, entitled Evening Service for the Beginning of the Year & the Day of Atonement &c: according to the Order of the Spanish & Portugese Jews in New York. the Secretary is ordered to return him the Thanks of the Directors for his Donation, & to label & number the Books & put them up.

The Treasurer reports that agreeable to a Minute of a former Meeting, he had put out on Interest to the Managers of the House of Employment Four Hundred Pounds, for which he had taken their Bond bearing Date the

the first Day of July 1770.

The Secretary is desired to wait on Mr. Paul Fooks for Hogarth's Prints & Mr. Fooks's Translation of the Explanation of the L. Prints.

The Minutes of the last Meeting is referred to the next.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 29th October 1770.

Present.

Nicholas Waln
Josiah Hewes
Jno. Drinker Junr.
Lindsay Coates
Robt. Strettel Jones
John Kaighn &
Joseph Paschall

The Committee for getting the Money due to the Library by John Lawrence Esqr. is continued on that Business.

The Committee appointed for getting the Catalogues bound report that the Catalogues are compleated & have been delivered to the Secretary, to be given out to the Members.

As the Committee appointed to write to Doctor Franklin have not as yet done it, the Directors appointed Nicholas Waln, Robert Strettel Jones & Michael Hillegas to transact that Business & the Secretary is desired them 10 the Minutes Copies of the 29th. Novr. 1769. & 8th. Jany. 1770. with a Copy of Mr. Franklin's Letter of July 7th. 1769. & of the List of the Books that was agreed upon. The Committee is desired to send the above mentioned List to Doctr. Franklin & to write to him that he should be pleased to send the Books mentioned in the said Lists & to enquire what the Encyclopedia & the Transactions of the different Philosophical

Societies in Europe, cont

The Secretary reported, that he waited with the Thanks of of the Directors on Mr John Mungatroyd agreeable to the last Minutes: that he also called upon Mr Paul Sandby for Hogarth's Prints, who promised to send them as soon as he had finished the Translation of the Explanations, which would be very soon.

Josiah Hewes reported that he had let out the Old Union Library to Robert Bell & the said Josiah Hewes & Lind. Jay Coates are appointed to let it out to him on a Lease for Three Years & to get a Necessary House built.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 28th. December 1770.

Present

John Kaighn
Robt. Strettel Jones
Robt. Tuckness
Lindsay Coates
Joseph Paschall
Nicholas Waln &
Josiah Hewes

The Committee appointed to wait on John Lawrence report that they have recd. of him Thirty Six Pounds and paid it to the Treasurer & the further Sum of Four teen Pound the remainder of the Rent is still Due from Samuel Garrigues. Mr. Waln is desired to apply to him for the same

The Committee appointed to write to Dr. Franklin report they have made some Progress in that Business & expect to compleat it by the next Meeting

The Committee appointed to let out the late Union Library House report that Robert Bell had signed a Memorandum of the Agreement with him, which they are desired to deliver to the Treasurer. They also report that they have procured a necessary house to be built. They are further continued to settle the Accounts for the same.

John Kaighn & Joseph Paschall are desired to call upon Paul Cooke for Hogarth's Prints.

Mr. Robert Strettel Jones offered the Directors Du. Jebin's History of the Church for the Price it cost him which is Five & Thirty Shillings, they accepted his Offer & drew an Order on the Treasurer for that Sum

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 7th. January 1771

Present

Robert Strettel Jones
Nicholas Waln
Robert Tuckniss
Lindsay Coates
John Drinker Junr.
Josiah Howell &
Joseph Paschall

Mr. Waln is continued on the Business of applying to Samuel Garrigues for the Money Due to the Library

Josiah Howell has not yet delivered Bells Agreement to the Treasurer

The Committee appointed to wait on Paul Fooks repoit that Hogarths Prints are delivered to the Librarian.

John Jerman applied for Leave to sell his Share to Edwd. Middleton, which the Directors agreed to

Thomas Middleton applyd for Leave also to sell his Share to Joseph Cannon, which they also granted

Daniel Montgomerie having two Shares in the Library applyd also for Leave to transfer his Share to Ebenezer Brooke a Minor, which was also granted, the Sd: Montgomerie being the Said Brooke's his Security. (see April 9 last)

William Coates having offered to the Directors Jortin's Life of Erasmus. Two Volumes in quarto for 27/ they agreed to take them. The Secretary is desired to settle with him about the Books he lost & the Fines he owes & to make a Report of it to the next Meeting. See March 1 1773

The Committee appointed to write to Docr. Franklin produced the Letter, to which the Directors agreed, & the Said Committee is desired to send it to him with the List of Books, the Directors agreed shou'd be sent for.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 11th February 1771.

Present

Nicholas Waln — Robt Strettel Jones
Josiah Hewes — Robt Tuckness
Jnº Drinker Junr — Joseph Paschal
Lindsay Coates

Mr Waln is further continued on the Business of applying to Samº Garrigues for the Money Due to the Library

The Treasurer reports that he has rec'd of Josiah Hewes Willm Bell's Lease for the House in Union Street.

The Committee appointed to write to Doctr Franklin reported that they have sent the Letter (inclosing the List of Books) to Doctr Franklin ꝑ Captn Miller Via Dublin

The Secretary is desired to make out a Certificate for Daniel Montgomerie, if there are none in the hands of Mr John Kaighn.

The Secretary not having settled with Willm Coates is continued on that Business

Messrs Waln & Jones delivered in two Accounts one of David Hall for £12.5.7. & the other of John Parkhurst for £8.11.4. for Sundry Books they bought of them. The Directors drew two Orders on the Treasurer for the above Sums.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 11th March 1771.

Present

Josiah Hewes — Robert Tuckness
Robert Ridtel Jones — Joseph Paschall
John Kaighin

Not a sufficient Number to make a Board, could not proceed on any Business.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday 15th April 1771

Josiah Hewes — Robert Tuckness
John Kaighin — Jn°. Drinker
Robt. Ridtel Jones

There not being a sufficient Number met, no Business could be entered upon. The Secretary is desired to send Notices to the Directors on Friday next to meet upon Business of Consequence.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Friday the 19th April 1771

Present

Nicholas Waln — Joseph Paschall
Josiah Hewes — Robert Tuckness
Jn°. Drinker Junr — Michael Hillegas
Robt. Ridtel Jones

Mr Waln not having rec'd the Money from Samuel Garrigues is continued on that Business.

Samuel Smith desired Leave to sell his Share to Philip Benezet which was granted.

Jn°. Hughes Junr desired also Leave to transfer his Share to Peter Dehaven; which was also granted.

The Directors appointed Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall & Robt. Ridtel Jones a Committee to settle the Treasurer's & other Accounts. ——

adjourning done

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Friday the 3d. May 1771.

Present

Nicholas Waln
Josiah Hewes
Robert Strettell Jones
John Drinker Junr.
Joseph Paschal
Robt Tricknes. X
Sand. Morris Treasurer

Mr. Waln reports that Samuel Garrigues paid him £10.--.-- in full of the Demand against him, & that he paid it to the Treasurer

Josiah Hewes's Account for Books Sold amtg. to £98.9.3., the Ballc. (after deducting sundry Disbursements & outstanding Debts) amtg. to £54.8.2. was pd. to the Treasurer

Richard Robinson produced a Rect. of Joseph Trotter Junr. dec. for his Share in the Library, the Secretary is desired to give him a Certificate

Doct. Thomas Bond desired Leave to transfer his Share to his Son Richard, which was granted him.

Andrew Geyer produced his Acct. for binding Books &c. amtg. to £9.5.-- being so much towards his Share & the Secretary is desired to give him a Certificate.

Josiah Hewes, Jo. Paschall & R S Jones reported that they have settled the Treasurer's Acco. & found a Ballance remaining in his hands of £237-17-9 (exclusive of Bonds & Notes)

P. S. Robert Bell produced an Account for 2 Setts of Robertson's Charles V, amounting to £2.5 for which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer

At a General Election held at the Library Room
on Monday the 6th May 1771 by the Library
Company of Philadelphia for the Choice of
Directors & a Treasurer for the ensuing Year
the following Persons were elected

Directors

Joseph Paschall
Robert Strettell Jones
Josiah Hewes
Robert Tuckness
John Kaighn
John Drinker Junr.
Nicholas Waln
Thomas Mifflin
Mathew Clarkson
William Moore

Treasurer

Samuel Morris Junr.

Jno. De Mauregnault Secy.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Wednesday the 22d May 1771

Present

Mathew Clarkson — Robert Tuckness
Joseph Paschall — William Moore &
Josiah Hewes — Saml. Morris Junr Treasurer

There not being a sufficient Number of
Directors met to make a Board, no Business could be
entered upon. & the Meeting was adjourned to Monday
next.

At a Meeting of the Directors May 27th 1771

Present Josiah Hewes — Robt Tuckniss — Robert S. Jones
Joseph Paschall — John Drinker jur. — Willm Moore

A Board not being met, nothing done

At a Meetings of the Directors
on Monday the 3: June 1771

Present.

Josiah Hewes
Robert Strettel Jones
Joseph Paschall
Robert Tuckness
John Kaighn
Mathew Clarkson &
William Moore

The above Directors being met, they continued John DeMauregnault as their Secretary & Librarian for the present Year with the same Salary as before

The Secretary reported, that the Transfer of Joseph Trotter to Richard Robinson had not been made out yet as there was no Certificate given to said Trotter at the Union of the Libraries, the Secretary is desired to call on Mr. Hopkinson & to desire to make out a Certificate for Said Trotter

Richard Bond has not produced his Father Thomas Bonds Transfer to him as yet: the Secretary is desired to call upon him for the same

Andrew Geyer's Certificate has not been made out yet.

The Librarian produced his Account, by which it appears that there is a Ball: due to him of £12. 5. 0 for which the Directors drew an Order on the Treasurer

Josiah Hewes produced a Letter of the Trenton Library Company to the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia dated 10th May last, which was read & the Consideration thereof referred to the next Meeting.

Aquilla Jones applied for Leave to transfer his Share to Jacob Morgan which was granted.

William Moore also applied for Leave to transfer his Share to Isaac Snowden which was also granted.

The Secretary acquainted the Directors that there were several

several Books, which wanted to be bound, he is desired to get them done.

The Directors appoint Mr. Mathew Clarkson & Mr. William Moore a Committee, to receive Applications for letting out £400. now in the hands of the Treasurer & to report to the next Meeting what applications has been made

The Secretary having acquainted the Directors, that Mr. Thomas Mifflin, Nicholas Waln Esqr & Mr. John Dinsher Junr. declined serving as Directors, they unanimously chose the following Persons in their stead Vizt

Edward Duffield
James Bittle Esqr. &
Willm. Bettle

Mr. John Kaighn & Mr. Robt. Strettell Jones are desired to call on the on the same & acquaint them therewith.

At a Meeting of the Directors
on Monday the 24th. June 1771
Present:

Josiah Flowes
Robert Strettell Jones
Joseph Paschall
Robert Tuckness
John Kaighn
Mathew Clarkson
William Bettle &
William Moore
Samuel Morris Treasurer

Messrs. Clarkson & Moore appointed a Committee to let out the Money left in the hands of the Treasurer reported that Mr. Samuel Morris Junr. our Treasurer wanted £200 of the Money, which they agreed to let him have, he paying Interest for the same from the 10th. inst.

Messrs. Kaighn & Jones reported that they waited on the Directors chosen last Meeting & that Mr. William Bettle & Mr. James Bittle agreed to serve & that Mr. Edwd. Duffield had given for answer that he would take it sometime in Consideration

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The Directors recd. a Letter from Doctr. Franklin Dated April 16th. together with an Acco.t whereby it appears that there is due to the Library Company £87.18.6 Stg exclusive of a Ballance that might be due to him on a former Account.

The Secretary is desired to look amongst the Papers belonging to the Library, if he can find the Acco.t mentiond in Mr Franklin's Letter & to bring the Box of Papers in the Library for the perusal of the Directors.

The Secretary reported that he has called on Mr Hopkinson about Joseph Trotter's Certificate who promised to fill up one for him

That he has also made out the Certificate for Andrew Geyer & deliverd it to him. He has called upon Richd. Bond for his Fathers Transfer which he promised to send him, but has not as yet done it.

The Transfers of Aquila Jones to Jacob Morgan & Wm. Attmore to Isaac Stroud have not been received yet

The Consideration of the Letter from the Trenton Library is referrd to another Meeting.

Mr. Matthew Clarkson, Mr William Moore, Directors, & Mr. Saml. Morris, Treasurer are appointed a Committee for enquiring for Lotts suitable for building a Library.

The Secretary is desired to put the following Advertizement in the News Papers — viz.t

Philad.a June 24th. 1771.

The Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, are desired to meet, at their Library Room, at the State House, on Monday, the 22.d Day of July next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to consider of the Expediency of purchasing a Lot, and Building a House for the Use of the Company, and to empower the Directors to execute the same.

By Order of the Directors,
John De Mauregnault, Secry.

Messrs. Robt. S Jones & Matthew Clarkson are desired to enquire into the State of the Telescope & if any thing is amiss to get it repaired.

At a Meeting of the Directors, July 15th 1771 —

Present

Robert Strettel Jones
Matthew Clarkson
Joseph Paschall
Robert Tucknifs
William Moore
William Bettle
John Kaighn

The Secretary Reported that there has nothing been done yet in regard of the different Transfers mention'd in the last Minutes as they have not been deliver'd to him yet.

The Consideration of the Letter from the Trenton Library is defer'd 'till another Meeting.

Mr. Edward Duffield has declined serving as Director as his Busfiness would not permit; the Directors therefore have chosen Mr. Francis Hopkinson in his stead & desire Mr. Clarkson to acquaint him therewith.

The Secretary reported that he has searched amongst the Papers for Dr. Franklin's former Acco.t but that he could not find it.

The Committee appointed to enquire for Lots reported that they have found several Lots which may suit & which will be propos'd to the general Meeting.

The Secretary reports that he has got the Advertizement for a general Meeting of the Members inserted in Hall & Sellers's & Bradford's Papers —

Messrs. Jones & Clarkson reported that the Telescope being out of repair, was deliver'd to Mr. Rittenhouse to be repaired —

Messrs. James Biddle, Matthew Clarkson & Robt. S. Jones are appointed a Committee to prepare a State of the Busines to be laid before the Members at the general Meeting of the Members on Monday next.

At a General Meeting of the Members, according to the Advertizement July 22 1771 —

A Quorum of the Members (as required by Law) not appearing no Busines done.

At a Meeting of the Directors, Monday 5th August 1771.

Present.

Josiah Hewes — Robert S. Jones
Matthew Clarkson — Joseph Paschall
Robert Tucknifs — John Kaighn
William Moore

The Secretary reports there is nothing yet done with the several Transfers as they have not been brought in.

Our present Secretary going abroad the Directors unanimously choose William Allmore for Secretary & Librarian in his Stead on the same terms

The Secretary render'd in his Account whereby it appears that there is a Ballance due to him of £3.18.– for which they drew an Order on the Treasurer.

Mr. Jones presented in the Name of the American Philosop.l Society, the first Volume of their Transactions; Mr. Jones is desired to give the Society Thanks for the same & the Librarian is desired to get it Bound.

John Kirke applied for Leave to Transfer his Share to Dr. Benj.a Rush, which was granted.

The Directors appointed Messrs. Clarkson, Jones & Kaighn a Committee to publish an Advertisement for the Members to meet on Saturday the 7th. September next, in order to consider about purchasing a Lot & Building of a House for the use of the Library

At a Meeting of the Directors, ~~August~~ Septem.r 2.d 1771.

Present

Matthew Clarkson — Josiah Hewes
Robert S. Jones — Robert Tucknifs
Joseph Paschall — John Kaighn

A Quorum not appearing no Business done.

At a General Meeting of the Company, Sept^r 7^th 1771.

A Number of the Members met pursuant to Advertizem^t but a Quorum of the Company not appearing no Business could be enter'd upon.

At a Meeting of the Directors after the General Meeting

Present

Josiah Hewes — James Biddle
Robert Tucknifs — William Moore
Francis Hopkinson — Joseph Paschall
William Bettle — Robert Strettel Jones
John Kaighn — Matthew Clarkson.

It is agreed that the Members of the Company shall be again summon'd to meet at the State House on the 5^th of October next as there was not a sufficient Number to do Business at the last Meeting. Robert S^r Jones & Matthew Clarkson are appointed to draw up an Advertizement and Hand Bill.

Agreed that each of the Directors who shall neglect to meet when summon'd shall pay a Fine of One Shilling for each time they so neglect to meet, to be disposed of as the Directors shall determine.

At a Meeting of the Directors, September 30, 1771

Present

Matthew Clarkson — John Kaighn — Fra^s Hopkinson
Robert S. Jones — Joseph Paschall — Josiah Hewes.
James Biddle — Robert Tucknifs

The Secretary Reports that he has Recorded the following Assignments, viz^t: John Jarman to Edward Middleton, Aquila Jones, (Cutler) to Jacob Morgan jun^r. Tho^s Middleton to Joseph Cannon, John Hughes jun^r to Peter Dehaven & William Attmore to Isaac Stroud.

The Assignments of John Forster to Jonathan B Smith Joseph Potts to John Potts & Lydia Stretch (Executrix of Joseph Stretch, deceas'd) to William Stretch, being laid before the Board.

for their Approbation, they consent thereto and they are ordd to be Recorded.

The Committee appointed to draw up an Advertizement and Hand-Bill, report, they have Publish'd an Advertizement they produced the rough draught of a Hand Bill which after some alteration being approved they are desired to get Printed and Distributed.

The time being elapsed which Joseph Howell junr agreed to serve as an Assistant to the Librarian in consideration of a Share in the Library, the Secretary is desired to make out a Certificate, and deliver it to him.

A Letter was laid before the Board from Dr. Franklin, rec. & Capt. Williams together with Invoice of sundry Books, the Letter was as follows.

London, June 5th. 1771.

Gentlemen

"Inclosed is an Invoice of the Books shipp'd "for the Library Company by Mr. Strahan I happened to be in "the Country when they were pack'd up, so had not an Opportunity "of seeing them. But if you find any mistake he will rectify it. "I wish them safe to hand.

"Upon Enquiry, I find that to purchase all the Transactions "of the several Philosophical Societies in Europe will amount to "about £300 Sterling, which I imagine may be thought too "great a Sum for our Company to lay out in such Books — "I did not think they would have amounted to near that Sum.

"The French Encyclopedie probably contains Extracts of "the most material parts of all of them. That Work may be had "for about 60 Guineas at present. But a new and improved "Edition is now in hand, which will be out in about two years "and considerably cheaper, the scarcity of the first Edition having "greatly advanced the Price. If you were to order the future "foreign Philosophical Transactions as they come out I believe "they may readily be had and am told they will amount to

about

10 or 12 Guineas a Year.

With great Regard, I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
B Franklin.

Messrs. Michael Hillegas
Nicholas Waln
R Stettell Jones

There being several Books in the Library unbound R Strettell Jones & Matthew Clarkson are appointed a Committee to Collect and sort them and are desired to get them bound.

The Secretary is desired to Subscribe in the Name of the Company for two Setts of Evans's Poems.

The Directors agree to alter their Monthly Meeting to the last Second-day in every Month.

At a General Meeting of the Company, held at the State House October 5th 1771 Present, in Person and by Proxy 154 Members.—

The Company being met chose Jacob Duche Esqr for President who at the request of the Directors read the following Paper viz.

"Many Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia "sensible of the inconveniences attending the Rooms at present "occupied, and being desirous of one more commodious, have in- "duced the Directors to call two general Meetings, that the matter "might be fully consider'd; at neither of which did a sufficient "Number attend to do Business, although the necessity of the "Measure seems generally admitted, the Books being crowded "together;—the Rooms insufficient to contain any considerable "Addition;—the Philosophical Apparatus unseen, and rendered "in a great Measure useless.

"The Company is at present possess'd of a Stock of £1500, "besides the annual Income of above £200 arising from the "yearly Payments of the Members; how to apply this Money most "beneficially, is what the Directors aim at, and therefore desire to

"to collect the Sentiments of the whole Company.

"Some of the Members propose, that an Application should "be made to the Assembly for Part of the State House Lot, while "others recommend the Purchase, or taking up on Ground-"Rent, a Lot whereon to erect a suitable Edifice."

The following Questions were then put

First. Do you think it expedient to Build a New Library Room?

Resolved in the Affirmative 147 to 7.

Second. Shall the Directors in the Name of the Company apply to the Assembly of this Province for part of the State House Square?

Resolved in the Affirmative 98 to 49.

A Third Question being proposed as follows. Do you empower the Directors for the time being, to Build a suitable Edifice on the Lot to be obtained from the Assembly; A Motion was made & agreed to, that the said Question be waved at this time.

At a Meeting of the Directors October 7th 1771 ~

Present

William Moore	William Bettle	John Kaighn
James Biddle	Joseph Paschall	
Matthew Clarkson	Robt Strettel Jones	

The Secretary Reports that he has Recorded the following Assignments. viz. John Forster to Jonathan B. Smith Joseph Potts to John Potts & Lydia Stretch (Executrix of Joseph Stretch) to William Stretch: That he has made out Joseph Howell's Certificate & deliver'd it to him, and that he has Subscribed for 2 Sets of Evans's Poems.

M. Clarkson informing the Board that Robert Aitkin has several Books relative to the Douglas Cause which he offers to the Company for 30£. they agree to take them.

F. Hopkinson, R. S. Jones & M. Clarkson are appointed a Committee to prepare an answer to Dr. Franklin's Letters of April 16 & June 5. and to make some enquiry into the State of his Account prior to

to his going for England.

Ezekiel Robins offering to Serve the Company as an Assistant to the Librarian 18 Months for a Share in the Library the Directors agree thereto.

At a Meeting of the Directors October 28th 1771

Present

Josiah Hewes — Robert Tucknis
R Strettel Jones — John Kaighn

A Quorum of the Directors not appearing no Business done

At a Meeting of the Directors Novr 25th 1771

Present

John Kaighn — Josiah Hewes
R Strettel Jones — Joseph Paschall
William Moore — William Bettle

R Strettel Jones Reports on behalf of the Committee appointed Septr 30, That they have Collected the Pamphlets & sent them to Robt Aitkin in order to be Bound.

The Committee appointed to prepare an answer to Docr Franklin's Letter & to examine into his Acco.t Report, they have not yet done any thing in that Business.

Caleb Preston applies for liberty to Assign his Share in the Library to Dr John Day, which is granted, also James Wood to William Bright & Roger Bowman to James West which they likewise allow of provided Jac.b Bright, & Wm Bright's Father & West's Guardian, Charles West; (they being Minors) will give Security in Writing for them till they come of Age.

The Secretary Reports that he has Recorded the Assignmt of Dr Thomas Bond to his Son Richard.

Memo. There not being a sufficient Number of Directors present to admit the new Members mention'd above. the Secretary applied to Robt Tucknis who gave his Consent to admit them.

At a Meeting of the Directors, December 30th 1771

Present

Joseph Paschall — Francis Hopkinson
R Strettell Jones — & Sam.l Morris, Treas.r
John Kaighn

A Quorum of the Directors not appearing no Business done. Adjourn'd to January 3.d

At a Meeting of the Directors pursuant to Adjournment January 3. 1772.

Present

William Bettle — R S Jones
Francis Hopkinson — John Kaighn
Josiah Hewes — Robert Tucknis
Joseph Paschall — Matth Clarkson

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to Dr. Franklin's Letters and to examine into the State of his Account before his going for England Report they have not as yet done any thing.

The Secretary Reports that Charles West has given Security for James West, and Jacob Bright for his Son William agreeable to the Minute of Nov.r 25 & that he has Recorded the Asignments as likewise that of Caleb Cresson to Dr. Day

F Hopkinson & R S Jones are appointed a Committee to draw up a Petition to be presented to the Assembly for leave to erect a Library on the State House Lot, to be brought to next Meeting. Adjourn'd to 10.th Inst. at 5 O'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Directors Jan.y 10 1772, pursuant to Adjournment — Present

William Moore — Josiah Hewes
Francis Hopkinson — John Kaighn
R S Jones — James Biddle

The rough draft of the Petition being produced to the Board was after some Amendment approved, the Secretary is desired to copy it fair and get it Signed by the Directors and then deliver it to R. I. Jones & F. Hopkinson, who are requested to deliver it to one of the Burgesses to be presented to the House. Copy follows. viz.

" To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of the
" Province of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met

"The Petition of the Directors of the Library Company of
"Philadelphia.

Respectfully Sheweth

" That about forty Years since, divers public-spirited Inhabitants "desirous to promote the Growth of useful Knowledge, founded " a public Library in this City, which from the Encouragement it " hath received is now become large & valuable, a Source of Instruc- " tion to Individuals and conducive of Reputation to the Public.

" That the Books & philosophical Apparatus belonging to " the Company by favor of your Hon.ble House, have hitherto been " deposited in the West Wing of the State-House, but by the An- " nual Increase of the Library that Apartment is now quite too scanty " for their Accomodation. The Books are crowded together — The Rooms " unable to contain any farther Additions — and the Philosophical "Apparatus rendered in a great measure useless; — But, could the "valuable Collection, even now possessed, be ranged in an Order more " exact and methodical this Institution would undoubtedly rise into " yet higher Reputation and the Public be enriched with a greater " Stock of ornamental Knowledge and solid Literature. Many things " likewise, both useful and curious, might be expected from the Bene- " volence of private persons, when they can have an Assurance of " their being not only gratefully received, but, carefully preserved.

" The Company taking into serious Consideration the absolute " necessity of erecting a proper Edifice for the accomodation of their "Books and philosophical Apparatus, are humbly of opinion, that " if your Hon.ble House would be pleased to grant them a certain portion

" portion of Ground on the State-house Square, sufficient for the purposes
" aforesaid and on such part thereof as to you shall seem meet, such
" an Edifice might be erected as would not only be useful to the Com-
" pany, but, a considerable Ornament to the Square, and, as your
" Petitioners apprehend, without being any Obstacle to the Purposes
" for which the said Square may be hereafter appropriated.

" They do therefore in behalf and by Order of the said Company
" pray this Honorable House, to grant them such part of the said
" State-House Square as may answer the aforesaid Design & as to
" you in your Wisdom shall seem meet. "

The above was Signed by all the Directors & delivered to Abel James, one of the Burgesses.

At a Meeting of the Directors, January 27, 1772.

Present

Joseph Paschall — Josiah Hewes — Samᵗ Morris, Treasʳ.
John Kaighn — R Strettell Jones

The Secretary is desired to apply to David Hall for a Set of Kalm's Travels.

At a Meeting of the Directors February 24th. 1772.

Present

R S Jones — John Kaighn
Joseph Paschall — Willm Bettle

A Quorum not appearing no Business done.

At a Meeting of the Directors March 30th. 1772.

Present

Joseph Paschall — Samˡ Morris, Treasʳ.
Willm Bettle

A Quorum not appearing, Adjourned to the 1st of next Month when the Secretary is desired to try to get a Board to meet.

At a Meeting of the Directors pursuant to Adjournment April 1. 1772

Present

William Moore — Robt Jones
Joseph Paschall — William Bettle
John Kaighn

In pursuance of the Advertizement put up in the Library by order of the Directors, desiring the Members to furnish them with Catalogues of Books proper to be sent for, several Lists were laid before the Board, out of wch they Selected a Number, of which the Secretary is desired to make a Catalogue and bring it to next Meeting, as also a List of the Periodical Pieces which are wanted to complete the Sets belonging to the Compa.

Ordered, That the Secretary publish an Advertisement in the next Papers, giving Notice of the Election to be held on the 4th Day of May next. And, as it appears that the Assembly have declined granting the Company liberty of erecting a Library on the State-House-Square & there being, as the Directors apprehend a necessity for procuring a Lot for that purpose and no likelihood of getting one on better terms or one more convenient than now, he is also to request their Attendance to consider of this matter at the same time.

The Secretary informs that he has procured a Book in which it is proposed from this time, to copy all Accounts and Invoices, belonging to the Library, as they are apt to be mislaid & lost by being on loose Papers. Therefore for the future References will be made from the Minutes to that Book.

Adjourned to the 6th Inst. to meet at 3 O'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Directors, April 6th 1772

Present

Joseph Paschall — Robt. Jones
Matthw Clarkson — William Bettle
F. Hopkinson

The above mention'd List being produced & considered and some Additions made they request F. Hopkinson, Rt Jones and M Clarkson, the Committee appointed to write to Dr Franklin, to finish that Business & to Inclose the said List to him & desire that he will send them ye first Copy

Here follows Catalogue of the Books sent for. viz.

Catalogue of Books for the Library Comp.y of Philad.a viz.

Belidor's Hydrostatics
Spence's Polimetis
Clark's Mechanics
Wynne's America. 2 vols. 8vo
Narrative of the Hon.ble John Byron. 8vo 8/
Blackstone's Lectures.
Dr. Gregory's Introductory Lectures
Hale's Vegetable Statics
Crosby's History of the English Baptists. 4 vols. 8vo.
Tabulæ Motuum Solis et Lunæ novæ et correctæ, Autore Tobiæ Mayer; quibus accedit Methodus Longitudinum, promota, eodem Auctore, Editæ jussu Præfectorum rei Longitudinariæ. 4to.
Martini Lister, M.D. Historiæ sive Synopsis Conchyliorum et Tabulæ Anatomicarum. Editio altera &c. Oxon. 1770.
The History and present State of Discoveries relating to Vision, Light & Colours by Joseph Priestly L.L.D. 4to:
Osbeck's Travels to China & the East Indies. 2 vols. 8vo:
An introduction to the History of G. Britain & Ireland. By James Mc.Pherson Esq.r 4to:
Glover's Leonidas, a new Edition improved, several new Characters added and the Poem now consists of 12 Books, before it contained only 9.) 12mo 2 vols.
An introduction to the Knowledge of Medals. By the late Rev.d David Jennings. D.D. small 8vo.
Walpole's Anecdotes of Painting in England.
Marmora Oxoniensia: published in 1768. Folio. (Contains Ancient Busts and Statues from the famous Collection of the Earl of Arundel. &c.
A Discourse upon the Origin & Foundation of the Inequality among Mankind. By Rousseau. 8vo:
The Light of Nature pursued by Edward Search Esq.r 3 vols 8vo:
An Essay on the Natural History of Guiana, by M.r Bancroft. 8vo:
Baretti's Journey from London to Genoa, thro' England, Portugal &c. 4 vols 8vo
A Course of Experimental Agriculture by Arthur Young, Esq.r 2 vols 4to:
An Historical Essay on the English Constitution, or an impartial enquiry into the elective power of the People from the first Establishment of the Saxons in this Kingdom. Wherein the Right of Parliament to Tax our most distant Provinces is explained and justified. 8vo:
History of the Reign of George III. to the Session of Parliament ending in May 1770. To which is prefixed a Review of the late War. 8vo
The Life and Adventures of common Sense, an Historical Allegory. 2 vols. 8vo:
Poems by M.r Gerrard. 4to.
Poems by M.r Cunningham. 8vo:

Thoughts

Thoughts on the cause of the present Discontents by E Burke.
Observations on ditto by C. McAulay.
Thoughts on the late Transactions respecting Falkland's Island by Samt. Johnson.
The False Alarm by Samt. Johnson.
A Letter to Samt Johnson. By Mr Wilkes

} Pamphlets, which may be bound together, if the Sizes admit of it.

Observations on Reversionary Payments, on Schemes for providing Annuities for Widows & for Persons in Old Age; and the Method of calculating the Values of Assurances on Lives, by Richard Price DD. FRS.
Pittman's Account of the English Settlements upon the Missisipi.
Letters on Chivalry & Romance. 12 mo 2/
Journals of the House of Commons, complete. If they can be purchased pretty cheap and in good Order, at second Hand.
Carew's Rights of Elections.
Madox's History of the Exchequer. 2 vols: 4 To:
Harris's Antiquities of Dublin. 8 vo:
Ockley's History of the Saracens, 2 vols. 8 vo.
Beverley's History of Virginia, 8 vo
Catesby's Natural History of Carolina and Florida 2 vols. Folio. Cuts coloured.
Coxe's Account of Florida. 8 vo:
Lamy's Antiquities & Customs of the Jews 2 vols. 8 vo:
Jennings's Jewish Antiquities. 2 vols. 8 vo:
Langhorne's Poetical Works. 2 vols. 12 mo:
Cotton's Poetical Works. 12 mo.
Villar's Duke of Buckingham's Works.
Sir John Davis's Poems on the Soul. 12 mo:
Metastasio by Hoole. 2 vols. 12 mo
Dyer's Poems. 8 vo:
Lord Lyttleton's Persian Letters.
Erasmus's Praise of Folly. 12 mo:
Dr. Goldsmith's Essays. 12 mo:
Cicero's Nature of the Gods. English. 8 vo:
Hughes's Suetonius, 2 vols. 12 mo:
Dodd's Callimachus. 4 To:
Winkleman on Painting. 8 vo.
Davenant's Pieces on Trade. 3 vols. 8 vo:
Law on Trade. 12 mo:
De Moivres on Annuities. 8 vo:
Hippocrates's Aphorisms by Spingell.
Monro on the Dropsy.
Celsus on Medicine, by Grieve, 8 vo
Price's four Dissertations on Providence, Prayer &c. 8 vo 6/.

Letters

Letters on the Importance of the Rising Generation of the labouring part of our fellow Subjects. By Jonas Hanway Esqr. 2 vols: 8 vo:

Xenophon's Memoirs of Socrates, with the Defence of Socrates before his Judges. Translated from the Original Greek by Miss Fielding. 5s

Warner on the Gout.

Wildman's Management & Natural History of Bees. 4 to 1776.

Collection of Etruscan, Greek and Roman Antiquities from the Cabinet of the Honble William Hamilton his Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Naples.

A Complete Dictionary of the Marine. By Wm Falconer, Author of the Shipwreck. 4 to:

William Ellis's Treatise on Sheep and Lambs, called the Shepherd's Sure Guide. Baldwin (London. 1749.)

Vallancy on Locks, Dams, Drains &c.

Cullen's Lectures on the Materia Medica. 4 to:

A Catalogue of the Animals of N. America by J R Forster
Ditto ---- of the Plants by Ditto ----------
} These two may be Bound together.

A Journal of a Voyage round the World in his Majesty's Ship Endeavour in 1768, 69, 70 & 71 – 4 to:

Institutes of Botany. By Colin Mylne. 4 to:

The History of Antient Greece from the earliest times 'till it became a Roman Province. 12 mo 4s Sold by Knox, London.

The Works of Anacreon, Sappho, Bion, Moschus & Musæus. Translated by a Gent: of Cambridge. 12 mo. 3s. 1760.

An Impartial Account of Col: Bradstreet's Expedition to Fort Frontenac. By a Volunteer. 8 vo 1s

A Description of S. Carolina, containing many curious & interesting particulars relating to the Civil, Natural & Commercial History of that Colony. 8 vo 2s. 1762.

Historia Museorū: A General History of Land & Water Mosses & Corals, containing all the known Species. By John Jacob Dillenius M D. 4 to:

Swan's British Architect.

Philosophical Transactions from vol 59 exclus.

Political Register from vol 1 exclu.

Nautical Almanac from 1771 exclu.

2 London Mag: from 1770 exclu.

2 Gent. . . Do. . . from 1770 exclu.

Universal Do. . . from vol 45 exclu.

A General Index to Univl. Mag: if any published.

Christian's Mag: from 1766 exclu.

Philos.

Philosophical History and Memoirs of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris Abridged by Martyn & Chambers. from 1st. vol. exclu.
Monthly Review from vol 43 exclu.
Annual Register from 1766 exclu.
Museum. from vol 3 exclu.
Martin's Mag: from vol 2 exclu.
Court Miscellany or Ladies Mag. from vol 3 exclu..
Kalm's Travels from 3d vol. exclu. if any published
Bower's History of the Popes from vol 4 exclu. if any since
History of the Edict of Nantes from its beginning to its revocation in 4 vols. 4to.
Laval's History of the Reformed Churches of France.
Blackwell's Memoirs of the Court of Augustus.
Phocion's Conversation. Translated from the French of L'Abbe Mably by Mr. McBean. 8vo. Dodsley.
Northern Antiquities or a Description of the Manners, Customs, Religion & Laws of the Ancient Danes, & other Northern Nations 2 vols. 8vo Carnan.
London Magazine for the Year 1748.

At a Meeting of the Directors April 27th 1772. (For those Present at this Meeting, vide the latter end of the Minute.)

The Committee appointed to write to Dr. Franklin produced the rough draught of a Letter which being approved the Secretary is desired to Copy fair, get it Signed by the Committee & forward it by Capt Sparks. The Substance of their Report concerning the Drs Acct may be seen in the Letter. Copy of which follows - viz.

"Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Philada April 27. 1772

Sir

To Capt Sparks. By order of the Directors of the Library Co: of Philada we "have the pleasure to acknowledge the rect of your polite and friendly Letter "of the 16th April 1775, and beg you to accept our Thanks for the good Wishes "therein expressed towards this Institution as well as for the Services you have "at many times and in different ways rendered it. An Account came to "hand at the same time from which it appears that there was then due to "the Company £87.18.6 Stg exclusive of a Balance you apprehend due to "you on a Settlement, a State of which remains in America: in order to adjust this

"this Account we have carefully examined our Papers and Minutes & under
"the 12th. Decr. 1763 find you Sir, then a Director present, exhibiting an Acco.
"with proper Vouchers, amounting to £18.16.1 when it was Resolved "That
"an Order be drawn upon the Treasurer to settle said Acco.t with Dr Franklin
"at the rate of 75 ℔ Ct. which was accordingly done." We applied to Mr. Joseph
"Morris, then Treasurer, to see if he could assist us, from him we learn, that
"he paid you on the 14th. of May 1764 £32.18.2½ Cur.y equal to the said Sterl.g
"Debt: his Accounts were examined, approved & Signed by a Committee of six
"Directors, of which Number you was one. Notwithstanding all which the
"Balance you mention may be that of some later Account, however, this
"is all the Light we are able to obtain, therefore must refer ourselves to you for
"farther Information.

"We have also been favoured with yours of the 5th. of June inclosing an
"Invoice of Books, shipped by Mr Strahan, amounting to £62.8.— wch. was
"executed to Satisfaction (except as in the Acco.t below) and arrived in good
"Order. The Directors agree in Sentiment with you that £300 St.g would
"be thought too much to lay out for the Transactions of the several European
"Societies, but as the French Encyclopædia may probably contain Extracts
"from the most material parts of all of them they intend to purchase the
"new, improved Edition, which you will be so good as mention to Mr Strahan,
"that he directly on its publication may forward it.

"Your Assistance we farther request in procuring for us the inclosed Cata-
"logue of Books which hope to receive so soon as possible. By Falconer we
"intend a Remittance to pay for the Books now ordered. "Wishing you
"every Happiness, we remain, very respectfully

"Yo.r most obed.t humb.e Servants"

"Not sent, Ogilvie's Poems £0.12.—
Pott's on y.e Fistula . 1.6
Gray on Inland Navigations } 1.—
£0.14.6"

Signed, "Matth. Clarkson
Fra.s Hopkinson
R Strettell Jones."

The Secretary acquainted the Directors that Blank Notes were wanting for the Library, he is desired to procure 20,000 on the lowest terms he can.

He also informed the Directors that Tho.s Gilpin has presented to the Company a Gar-Fish, for which he is desired to return the Thanks of the Board.

James Black applies for leave to hold the Share of Wm. Goddard, David Potts that of Andrew Bankson, and Chris.r Baker that of the late Wm. Plumsted all which are agreed to provided they pay all Fines and Forfeitures which may appear to be due.

Robert

Robert Aitken produced his Account against the Library, amounting to £4.13.6 for which an order was drawn on the Treasurer.

Andrew Geyer produced to the Board an Acco.t against the Company amounting to £3.10 — which with that produced before for £9.6 — makes £12.16.0 out of which he agreed to take a Share and a Certificate was before ordered, but it appearing that none has been yet delivered, the Secretary is desired to make out one and deliver it to him. An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for the Balance, being £2.16 —

Wm. Moore & Josiah Hewes are appointed a Committee to Settle the Treasurer's and Secretary's Accounts and make report to next Meeting.

The Secretary is desired to get a Catalogue neatly bound, and enter in it the Books bought since it was printed, and deliver it to M.r Clarkson who is requested to forward it to D.r Franklin.

Adjourned to 4.th May next, to meet at 10 O'Clock.

Note. Directors present were R.d S.r Jones, F.s Hopkinson, M.r Clarkson, J.a Hewes, W.m Moore, J.a Paschall & J.n Kaighn.

At a Meeting of the Directors pursuant to Adjournment May 4.th 1772.

Present

Jo.s Paschall	Matthew Clarkson	Will.m Bettle
Robt. Tucknis	Fra.s Hopkinson	R.d S.r Jones
Josiah Hewes	Wm. Moore	John Kaighn.

The Secretary informed the Directors that he sent the Letter & Order for D.r Franklin by the Mary & Eliz.a Capt. Sparks, as desired.

Josiah Hewes informed the Board that he has paid to the Treasurer the Sum of £48.17.6 being what he has further received for Books put into his Hands to be Sold for the Company. There being a few left in his Hands unsold the Secretary is desired to send them up to the Library.

The Secretary informs that he has Recorded the Assignments of Andrew Bankson to David Potts & Wm. Goddard to James Black

Benj.a Alison applies for leave to Assign his Share to Samuel Correy, Hatter which is agreed to.

The Committee of Accounts report, they have examined the Secretary's Acco.t and find in his Hands a Balance of £4.5.0½ due the Company. also the Account of the Treasurer and find in his Hands a Balance of £177.14.9 due the Company, and that there are besides in his Possession Bonds and Mortgages to the Amount of £1005.0 —

At a General Election held at the Library Room on the fourth Day of May 1772. by the Library Company of Philadelphia, for the Choice of Directors and Treasurer for the ensuing Year, the following Persons were Elected. to wit

Directors

Samuel Rhoads	John Kaighn	Treasurer.
Francis Alison	Sharp Delany	
Josiah Hewes	Robt Strettell Jones	Saml Morris, Junr.
Joseph Paschall	Joseph Parker	
William Bettle	Matthew Clarkson.	

*** I Certify the above to be a true State of the Election.

Wm Allmore, Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Directors May 25th. 1772.

Present

Samuel Rhoads	Sharp Delany	Joseph Paschall
John Kaighn	Joseph Parker	
R S Jones	Josiah Hewes	

The Secretary Reports that he has agreed with William and Thomas Bradford for the Blank Notes at 20/ ℔m. He also Reports that he called at the House of Thomas Gilpin but he was out of Town, that he has Recorded the Assignments of the Executors of William Plumsted to Christr. Baker, and Benjamin Alison to Samuel Correy, and that he has delivered Andrew Geyer his Certificate.

R S Jones, Samuel Rhoads and Josiah Hewes are appointed a Committee to buy a Bill of Exchange for £125 Stg and Remit the same to Doctr. Franklin towards paying for the Books lately ordered.

The Directors continue William Allmore their Secretary & Librarian for the ensuing Year at £45 ℔ Annum.

James Cannon applies for liberty to purchase the Share of George Dillwyn which is granted.

The Directors drew an Order on the Treasurer for £125 Sterling, to pay for the Bill ordered to be bought, the Exchange not to exceed 62½ ₰ Cent.

At a Meeting of the Directors June 29, 1772.

Present

Samuel Rhoads	Francis Alison
Matthew Clarkson	Joseph Parker
Robert S Jones	Sharp Delany
Josiah Hewes	Joseph Paschall

The Secretary acquainted the Directors that he hath since the last Meeting seen Thomas Gilpin and returned him the Thanks of the Directors for his Present, according to Order.

The Committee appointed to purchase a Bill, Report, they have procured one at 60 ₰ Ct. drawn by Stocker & Wharton & John Wilcocks on John Whitmore Esq.r (London) which they have sent with the following Letter, ₰ Capt. Hood via Bristol and Copy with second Bill ₰ Capt Loxley – viz.:

Philad.a May 28th 1772.

Doct.r Benjamin Franklin

"Inclosed is Stocker and Wharton & John Wilcocks their "Draft of the 26th. instant favor Josiah Hewes, for Account of the Library "Company of Philadelphia, on John Whitmore Esq.r in London, at 30 "Days sight amounting to £125 Stg now indorsed by Josiah Hewes, "intended to pay for the Books ordered for the Company by Sparks, for "which purpose hope it will prove sufficient, but if not, when advised, "shall discharge the Balance. In the Letter then sent the Committee "proposed to remit by Falconer, but the Election of Directors, Settlem.t "of the last Years Accounts & other Business preventing them, will "we trust be readily allowed as Excuses for the Omission.

We are with much Esteem

Your

Assured Friends & very humb Serv.ts

Samuel Rhoads Rob.t Strettell Jones

Josiah Hewes

The Secretary Reports that he has Recorded the Assignment of George Dillwyn to James Cannon and that he has taken the Books that were in Josiah Hewes's Hands to the Library, as ordered.

M Clarkson and R S Jones are appointed a Committee to inspect the Books and pick out those that want Binding and send them to be bound.

The Company being offered a Room by the Carpenter's Company on the second Floor of their Hall, at £20 ℔ Annum ~~in the X.d~~ ~~Room of this Hall~~, the Directors agree to take it at that rate, as there is want of Room in the Library for the Philosophical Apparatus and they agree that it shall be removed thither as soon as the Room is finished.

Four Books viz.t Priestley's Optics; Lettre sur les Desirs; Lettre sur la Sculpture á Monsieur Théod. de Smeth, & Specimen Juris Universalis Juxta atque civilis, inaugurale exhibens quaedam de Servitute tum in genere tum ipl specie de Servitute Poenae, were sent to the Library by Richard Bache who informs that they were sent to him by Doct.r Franklin but no Account who they are for or who they belong to, tho' he supposes they are a present from some Person to the Library, some of them are directed for in French the Library Company in Philad.a

At a Meeting of the Directors July 27th. 1772 –

Present

Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Parker
Joseph Paschall
R S Jones
Matthew Clarkson
John Kaighn
Francis Alison.

The Committee appointed to Inspect the Books Report that they have sent a number to R Aitken to be repaired.

The Directors agree to take the Southernmost end of the Entry in the Carpenter's Hall if the Carpenter's Company will let us have it reasonably, it being represented that with this addition to what the

the Directors before agreed to take there will be Room for both Books & Apparatus, and they agree to take the Entry and Room for five Years

M Clarkson, T Alison and J Parker are appointed a Committee to draw up and get executed Articles of Agreement with the Company for the Entry and the Room agreed to be taken last Meeting, in case they agree to our terms and on these further Conditions, to wit That the Library Company shall have liberty at the end of the five Years of renewing their Lease for five Years more, if they please and that we shall likewise have the liberty of taking the whole Floor at any time within the said term on paying £40 ℔ Ann. for the whole.

At a Meeting of the Directors August 31st. 1772

Present

Samuel Rhoads — R S Jones
Joseph Paschall — William Bettle
Josiah Hewes — Joseph Parker.

A Quorum of the Directors not appearing no Business done.

At a Meeting of the Directors September 28th. 1772

Present

Samuel Rhoads — John Kaighn
Matthew Clarkson — ~~Joseph Parker~~
Joseph Parker — Joseph Paschall
R S Jones

The Committee appointed last Meeting to agree with the Carpenters Company for part of the Hall, Report, that they have been informed on behalf of the said Company, that they would rather decline letting any part of the Entry unless the Library Company will take the whole Floor — The Directors desire the former Committee to treat with them for the whole of the second Floor and if they will take £36 ℔ Annum (or under if they can persuade them) they

are desired to draw up and execute Articles of Agreement with them on behalf of the Company for the Term of five Years with the privilege of renewing the Lease at the end of that time for any further term the Library Company shall then think proper.

At a Meeting of the Directors, October 26th. 1772.

Present

Joseph Parker
Matthew Clarkson
R. I. Jones
Josiah Hewes
Sharp Delany
Joseph Paschall
John Kaighn.

The Committee appointed to treat with the Carpenters Company Report that they have spoke further with them, and not finding it likely to get the House under £36 ₱ Ann. they had offered them that Sum which they have accepted and are now proceeding to finish the House ready for the Library Company to move in. They have not as yet executed the Articles of Agreement.

Peter Lloyd desires to be admitted a Member in the room of Israel Pemberton, which is agreed to.

The Committee formerly appointed to write to Doctr. Franklin informed the Directors, that they have received a Letter from him by Capt. Falconer, together with Invoice for sundry Books Amounting to £102.18.6, off of which is to come a Discount of 5 ₱Ct. for prompt Pay. Copy of the Letter follows

London, Aug 22, 1772.

"Gentlemen"

"I received your Bill on Whitmore for £125 Sterling "which is carried to the Credit of the Library Company. With "this you will receive the Books, of which inclosed I send the "Invoice. I hope they will come safe to hand, and please "The Journals of the House of Commons are not to be had at present under

"under 25 Guineas or £25 therefore I did not think it adviseable to
"send them, as at Auctions or Sales one has frequent Opportunities
"of purchasing them much lower. Besides they are Books rather
"to be consulted on Occasion than read, and any one having such
"occasion may find them in the Assembly's Library. I will how-
"ever send them if you direct me to do it. — With great Regard,
"I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant
B. Franklin."

Messrs. Robert Strettell Jones, Samuel
Rhoads & Josiah Hewes.

See Copy of the Invoice in Book of Accounts pa. 9. &c.

At a Meeting of the Directors, November 30, 1772 -
Present

Josiah Hewes — Robert Strettell Jones
John Kaighn

R S Jones brought a Book entituled Morton's New England's Memorial being a present from William Rogers. Baptist Minister of this City.
A Quorum of the Directors not appearing, no Business entered upon.

At a Meeting of the Directors December 28th. 1772
Present

Samuel Rhoads — Rob't S Jones — John Kaighn
Francis Alison — Josiah Hewes — Joseph Paschall
Joseph Parker — Sharp Delany

The Committee appointed to treat with the Carpenters Co. Report, they have not executed the Articles of Agreement yet, they are desired to expedite that matter, so as to make Report thereon next Meeting.

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The Secretary Reports that he has Recorded the Assignment of Israel Gallowell to Peter Z Lloyd.

The following Persons request leave to Assign their Shares viz.

Philip Syng to Edmund Physick
John Day . . to George Graffe
John Dorsius to James Young Esqr.

to which the Board agree provided they pay all Fines and Forfeitures which may appear to be due on each Share respectively.

William & Thomas Bradford produced their Account for 20 m. Blank Notes, amounting to £20 for which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer -

It being represented to the Board ~~that~~ a practice hath been introduced of letting out Books on Hire without Deposits, notwithstanding the Rule to the contrary; the Librarian is enjoined to observe the said Rule strictly for the future.

The Librarian is ordered not to let out of the Library to any person without an Order Signed by two Directors, any of the following Articles - viz.

The Philosophical Apparatus
The Perspective Glass and Views
Medals . Hand of an Egyptian Mummy
Manuscript Bible
Catesby's Natural History
Edwards's Natural History
Harris's Prints of Butterflies
Hogarth's Prints
Hamilton's Antiquities
Marmora Oxoniensia
Spence's Polymetis
Russian Manuscripts
Fossils, Ores, or in general any thing that is in the Case of Drawers.

The Secretary is desired to apply to the Printers of the Gazette and Journal for their respective Papers, and he is requested to lay them by carefully so as to have them bound up when there is enough to make a Volume, and also to try to complete them to this time.

Ezekiel Robins being about to leave this City, and so not able to comply with his engagement to serve the Company the time he agreed, the Directors conclude to allow him £5 „ 10 „ 0 for the time he has served for which they drew an Order on the Treasurer.

The Directors agree to allow the Librarian £5 ℔ Annum, in consideration of which he is to provide an Assistant at his own cost and they agree to let such Person as he may employ have the use of the Books as a Member — The Librarian mentioning Wm Clark the Board approve of him as an Assistant.

Application being made to the Board on behalf of Phineas Pemberton that he might be allowed to have Catesby's Natural History for Perusal, he not being able to come up to the Library on account of his Indisposition, the Board grant leave that he may have them.

At a Meeting of the Directors January 25th 1773

Present

Josiah Hewes
Joseph Parker
Francis Alison

A Board not appearing no Business done at this Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Directors, February 1st 1773.

Present

Josiah Hewes	Joseph Paschall
Samuel Rhoads	John Kaighn
Joseph Parker	Sharp Delany.

Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Matthew Clarkson and Sharp Delany are appointed a Committee to get the Rooms fitted up lately taken of the Carpenters Company. They are desired to draw on the Treasurer for what Money may be wanted for the same wch he is desired to answer.

At a Meeting of the Directors March 1st. 1773.

Present

Josiah Hewes	Robt S Jones	John Kaighn
Joseph Paschall	Francis Alison	Matthew Clarkson.
Joseph Parker	Sharp Delany	

The Secretary Reports that he has Recorded the following Asign. ments viz: John Day to Geo. Graffe, & John Dorsius to Jas Young Philip Syng's Asignment to Edmund Physick has not been brought in yet.

He informed the Directors that in consequence of a Minute of the 7th January 1771 he has settled with William Coats for Jortin's Erasmus as follows

Delia Stanhope, 2 vols. which he lost	£0.12.-
Fines he incurr'd	15.-
	1.7.-

The Committee appointed to get the Articles of Agreement with the Carpenters Company executed have done nothing therein as yet, it is left under their care.

James Gillingham applies for leave to Asign his Share to Amos Foulke; Stacy Beakes his to Isaac Wharton, & the Executors of

of John Hatkinson the Share lately belonging to him to William Buckley all which are agreed to.

The Secretary is desired to agree with some Person to supply the Company with the Monthly Reviews & Gentleman's Magazines regularly as they come out, and he is desired to try to complete the Reviews up to this time. He is directed to put up an Advertisement in the Library Room informing the Members, that it is intended to send for a number of new Books and desiring them to furnish the Directors with Catalogues of such as they may think proper for the Library.

At a Meeting of the Directors March 29th. 1773.

Present

Robert Strettell Jones
Joseph Parker
Josiah Hewes
Samuel Rhoads
Francis Alison
Matthew Clarkson
John Kaighn

The Committee appointed to prepare Articles of Agreement with the Carpenters Company, produced a Draught which after some alteration being approved the Counterpart was executed on the part of the Company by the Directors signing the same and affixing the Seal of the Company thereto, the same Committee are desired to get the Carpenters Company to execute the Articles and are requested to deliver them the counterpart.

The Secretary makes the following Report of the matters committed to his care. The Afsignments of Philip Syng to Edmund Physick and the Executors of John Hatkinson to William Buckley have not been delivered him yet — he has not been able as yet to complete the Gazettes & Journals but hath made some progress towards it — the Printers now send 'em regularly beginning about New Years Day last — He hath Recorded the Afsignments of James Gillingham to Amos Foulke, & Stacy Beakes to Isaac Wharton — He hath agreed with Wm Hall

to

to supply the Company with the Monthly Reviews and Gentleman's Magazines regularly as they come over — he cannot compleat the Reviews as they are not to be had in the City at present that he can find — and he has agreeable to a Minute of last Meeting put up the Advertizement therein mentioned but not one Catalogue has been sent in yet.

An Assignment from John Elton of his Share in the Library to his Son Thomas being laid before the Board for their approbation they consent thereto and the Secretary is order'd to Record it.

The Committee appointed to get the Rooms fitted up lately taken of the Carpenters Company, Report, they have made considerable progress therein, they have drawn two Orders on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Nevell (the person they have engaged to do the Carpenters Work) for £16 and £14 — making in the whole £30 —

The same Committee are requested to enquire of some of the Wire Workers what it will cost to put Wire Lattices before all our Books and make Report to next Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Directors March 31st 1773.

Present

Robert Strettell Jones
Joseph Parker
Josiah Lewes
Samuel Rhoads
Francis Alison
Matthew Clarkson
John Kaighn.

The Directors having further considered the proposal of putting Lattices before the Books, they now desired Thomas Nevell to make Frames for one Tier of Shelves and the Committee are to get them fitted with Wires, that the Directors may conclude at next Meeting on the expediency of having the whole Library finished in that manner.

At a Meeting of the Directors April 24th. 1773 —

Present

Samuel Rhoads	Robert S Jones
Joseph Parker	Matthew Clarkson
Josiah Hewes	Francis Alison
John Kaighn	Sharp Delany.

Matthew Clarkson on behalf of the Committee for getting the Lease executed for the second Floor of the Carpenters Hall, Reports that he has got the same in his hands & which he is desired to deliver to the Treasurer.

The Secretary has not as yet received the Assignments of Philip Syng to Edmund Physick, and the Executors of John Hatkinson to William Buckley — he has not as yet compleated the News Papers — he has Recorded John Elton's Assignment to his Son —

The Committee appointed to get the Rooms fitted up lately taken of the Carpenters Company Report, that the Shelves are now finished except Painting, they are desired to settle with Thomas Nevell for his Work and make Report to next Meeting

The Proposal of fixing Lattices before the Books is referred to the next Directors -

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer — viz:

One in favour of Joseph Henzey for 12 Windsor Chairs	£9 " 0 —
One in favour of Gunning Bedford, being for one Quarter's Rent of the 2d. Floor of the Carpenter's Hall due 1st April Inst.	9 " 0 —
	18 " 0 —
One in favour of M Clarkson for drawing Leases for the Rooms	15 —

The Committee appointed to get the Rooms fitted up lately taken, Report, they have drawn an Order on the Treasurer in favour of Josiah Hewes for £26 " 18 " 3½, of which sum £20 " 18 " 3½ was Money advanced by him to buy Boards & paid for Carvers Work on the Cabinet, and £6 - he advanced to pay Thomas Nevell in part —

Joseph Hillborn applies for leave to purchase the Share belonging to the Estate of Thos Massey, which is granted.

Josiah Hewes, John Kaighn and Sharp Delany are appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer & Secretary's Accounts & make Report to next Meeting.

Adjourn'd to 3 May to meet at two O'Clock in the Afternoon

At a Meeting of the Directors pursuant to Adjournment May 3. 1773

Present

Francis Alison
Josiah Hewes
Sharp Delany
John Kaighn
Robert S. Jones
Joseph Parker
Matthew Parkson.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Samuel Morris Junr. Treas.r & of William Attmore, Secretary & Librarian Report, they have examined their Accounts and find in the hands of the first, in Cash £88.1.5½

in Bonds &c including the £200 he borrowed himself . . . . . 1005 — —

1093.1.5½

In the hands of the Secretary they find a Balance due the Company of £5.4.7

It appears that there is due from sundry Persons (besides the above of which there is a List in the Treasurer's Book) . . £153.14.10

For those Elected Directors & Treasurer on this Day see a Book now kept for the purpose of entring y.e Elections.

At a Meeting of the Directors May 5. 1773

Present

Joseph Parker
Sharp Delany
Matthew Clarkson
Robert S Jones
John Kaighn
Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall

Matthew Clarkson reports that he has delivered the Lease from the Carpenters Company to the Treasurer.

The Secretary Reports that he has not as yet received the Assignments of Philip Lyng to Edmund Physick & the Exrs of John Hatkinson to William Buckley - He has not yet compleated the News Papers - he has Recorded an Assignment from Jabel Haines & Henry Drinker (Administrators to the Estate of Thos. Masfey dec.) of the Share lately belonging to said Masfey to Joseph Fillborn

Josiah Hewes, Jos. Paschall, Matthew Clarkson & Sharp Delany the Committee formerly appointed to get the new Rooms fitted up are continued on that service with the like power of drawing on the Treasurer to answer the expence thereof. And the Directors now taking into consideration the expediency of fixing Lattices before the Books, after some time spent thereon it is concluded to have it done, the same Committee are desired to get them fixed up with as much expedition as posible.

The Secretary acquainted the Directors that John Bartram has presented the Company with Dillenius's Historia Muscorum for which he ~~is~~ is desired to return him the Thanks of the Board.

He also acquainted them that he had paid the Balance due the Company from him (mentiond in the preceeding Minute) to the Treasurer and for which he produced a Receipt &

An Extract from the Will of Wm Bettle being laid before the Board whereby it appears that he has left his Share in the Library to his Nephew

Nephew James Bettle, it is agreed as the Lad is under Age he may take out Books but that his Father Samuel Bettle or one of the other Executors shall sign Notes till he comes of Age.

At a Meeting of the Directors May 10th 1773.

Present

Jo^{s} Parker	Robert S Jones	Matth^{w} Clarkson
Jo^{s} Paschall	Francis Alison	Samuel Rhoads.
John Kaighn	Thomas Cadwalader	

It is agreed that the Library shall be open'd every Day from Two O'Clock 'till 7, as soon as the Books are removed from the State House to the new Rooms.

William Attmore our present Secretary & Librarian declining to serve the Company any longer in those Capacities, Matthew Clarkson and Francis Alison are appointed to speak to Charles Cist to know if he will serve the Company as Librarian, at the rate of £60 ℔ Ann. and if they are desired to acquaint him he accepts thereof it is expected that he will enter into an Obligation, with one sufficient Surety in the Sum of £1000 to deliver such of the Books and Effects of the Company as he shall be entrusted with, to the Directors for the time being, whensoever they shall call upon him for that purpose.

The same Committee are desired to speak to Cornelius Barnes to know if he will serve as Secretary.

John Kaighn, Sharp Delany & Josiah Hewes are appointed to take Security of the Treasurer agreeable to the Laws, and the Secretary is desired to deliver them the Treasurers old Bond, that it may be cancelled when he executes the new one. They are also desired to take a Bond of him for the £200 which he has on Interest; which they are requested to deliver to the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting are referred to the next.

At a Meeting of the Directors May 20th. 1773 —

Present

Robert Strettell Jones
Joseph Paschall
Matthew Clarkson
Josiah Hewes
John Kaighn
Thomas Cadwalader.

Matthew Clarkson reports that Charles Cist agrees to accept the Office of Librarian upon the terms proposed by the Directors at the last Meeting — Agreed, that he be immediately employed: Cornelius Barnes declines serving the Company as Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Directors, May 31st 1773.

Present

Josiah Hewes
Matthew Clarkson
Joseph Paschall
Sharp Delany
John Kaighn
Joseph Parker
Samuel Rhoads.

The Secretary reports that he has Recorded the Assignment of Philip Syng to Edmund Physick. That from the Executors of John Watkinson to William Buckley has not been brought to him yet: He has not yet compleated the Gazettes and Journals, the Printers have promised to look for those that are wanting.

The Committee appointed to get the new Rooms fitted up report that they are near compleated. They have drawn two orders on the Treasurer, one in favor of Thomas Nevell for £61. 13. 7 being the Balance of his Account except for the Frames for Lattice Work now in hand.) & one in favor of Gunning Bedford for £1. 8. 5 being for one half, measuring and valuing Work done by Nevell.

The Secretary reports that he returnd the Thanks of the Directors to John Bartram for his Donation according to order. He also reports that he has recorded the Extract from the Will of William Bettle.

The Committee appointed to transact the Business with the Treasurer report they have done nothing toward it as yet, except receiveing the Treasurers old Bond of the Secretary, which John Kaighn has in his hands.

John Cummings applied for leave to purchase the Share of Boyer Brooke, it appearing that Brooke or the Person he bought the Share of, owes the Company £5.3.4 Cummings has leave to get an Assignment provided he pays the said Debt out of the Money to be paid for the Share: The Librarian is desired not to let Cummings have any Book till this is complied with.

Several parts of the Philosophical Apparatus belonging to the Company being out of Repair, the Committee that were appointed to get the Rooms fitted up, are requested to employ some person to put it in such order as they may think needful.

The following Persons have forfeited their Shares in the Library, viz.ᵗ Francis Harris, Samuel Loftus, William Warner, & Richard Robinson (Robinson had the Share late Joˢ Trotter's. no Assignment was ever Recorded.)

At a Meeting of the Directors June 28th. 1773

Present

Matthew Clarkson — Joseph Paschall
Sharp Delany

A Board not appearing, no Business entred upon.

At a Meeting of the Directors July 26. 1773.

Present

Josiah Hewes — Matthew Clarkson
Joseph Paschall — Joseph Parker.
John Kaighn

The Committee appointed to get the new Rooms fitted up, Report, They have drawn an order on the Treasurer in favor of Gunning Bedford for £8. 19. 7 being for fitting inside Shutters at the Carpenter's Hall, and for a large double Stand for spreading a Sheet on, to accomodate the Solar Telescope &c.

The Treasurer being present is desired to pay the Carpenter's Company the

Rent of the Rooms taken of them, every Quarter regularly as it becomes due, without any further Order.

The Committee appointed to get a new Bond of the Treasurer, report, that he together with his Brother Anthony, have executed a new Bond in the sum of £3000 and that the old Bond is cancelled. The Treasurer has likewise executed a Bond for the Money he has on Interest, both Bonds are now delivered to the Secretary Wm Attmore.

It is order'd that no more Books be let out of the Library, till it is removed to the Hall, the Secretary is desired to put up an Advertizement informing the Members thereof.

At a Meeting of the Directors August 30th. 1773.

Present

Matthew Clarkson
Joseph Paschall
Jos. Parker
John Kaighn.
Josiah Hewes

The Secretary reports that he has Recorded the Assignment of Elizabeth Hatkinson and John Hinchman Executors of John Hatkinson to Wm. Buckley.

It appears that John Cumming declines taking an Assignment of Boyer Brooke's Share in the Library.

The Committee appointed for filling up the new Rooms report they have drawn 2 Orders on the Treasurer, one in favor of Wetherill & Fesson for £10.18.6 being for Boards and Plank; and the other for £2.12.6 being to pay for 6 brass Sconces bought of Thomas Paschall.

The following Presents are made to the Company. viz.

A Silver Medal, the Bishops returning their Thanks to Queen Anne. By Ezekiel Edwards.

A nest of very thin wooden Chalices. by Lewis Weiss.

A curious Indian Axe by Isaac Parrish.

Daniel Stanton's Journal by Joseph Pickshanks.

The Secretary is desired to return the Thanks of the Directors to the Donors respectively for their kind Benefactions.

The following Members desire leave to transfer their Shares, viz.

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Joseph Coleman to Ezekiel Edwards, James Cooper to John Cumming, Augustine Talman to Doct^r Adam Kuhn, James Black who has two Shares the one he purchased of William Goddard to Gunning Bedford and Francis Hopkinson Executor to Assign John Wilcocks the Share lately belonging to him to Robert Hare, which it is agreed they may do, provided any Fines or Forfeitures which may be due on each Share respectively be first paid.

Agreed, that the Fines for non-returning of Books agreeable to the time limitted in the Note shall be Twopence ℔ Day - That is, for each time the Library is afterwards open for letting out Books.

At a Meeting of the Directors September 27th 1773 -

Present

Matthew Clarkson — Joseph Parker
Sharp Delany — Joseph Paschall.

No Board - Doct^r Franklin having sent over Hawksworth's Voyages, M^c Pherson's Iliad, and Dalrymple's Letters, Matthew Clarkson is desired to get them bound and afterwards deliver them to the Librarian.

At a Meeting of the Directors October 25th 1773 -

Present

Samuel Rhoads — Joseph Paschall
John Kaighn — Matthew Clarkson
Josiah Hewes — Joseph Parker

The Secretary reports that he has waited on the Gentlemen who favoured the Company with Presents (mentiond in the last Minutes) and returnid them the Thanks of the Directors for their Donations. He has Recorded the several Assignments mentiond in the last Minutes.

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The Secretary informd the Board that Paul Fooks has presented the Company with a large Branch of yellow coral, brought from Hispaniola; also Moreri's Dictionary 2 vols. Folio; for which Present he is desired to return him their Thanks. He likewise informd the Board that Edward Pole had presented the Company with a Bristol Stone, a Piece of Tin Ore from Cornwall and a collection of Coins and Tokens in number about 53, amongst which was a Queen Elizabeth's Shilling, and some other curious Pieces, but the Library being entred by some Thief; last Night (as supposed) he carried off all the Coins and Tokens together with some Change which was left in the Drawer. The Secretary is desired to call on Edward Pole and thank him in the name of the Directors for his Gift altho' they have lost the most valuable part of it so soon. Agreed, that an Advertisement be publish'd by the Secretary, describing the Articles lost, and offering a Reward of £10 for the discovery of the Perpetrators of this infamous Action.

The Directors look'd over the Lists of Books sent in, which are proposed to be sent for, and selected a considerable number; it is left for further Additions.

Adjourned to the first Day of next Month.

At a Meeting of the Directors, November 1st. 1773.

Present

Samuel Rhoads — Sharp Delany
Francis Alison — Matthew Clarkson.
Josiah Hewes

The Committee appointed to get the new Rooms fitted up, report, that they have drawn the following Orders — viz.t

In favour of Carlisle and Simmons to pay for 474 feet Pine Boards @ 5/6	£ 2. 9. 9
In favour of John Sellers, to pay for Wiring 51 Frames, containing 65½ superficial Yards, @ 5/ ℔ Yard	16. 7. 6
In favour of Jacob & Barnaby Buck, for moving the Company's Books & Effects from the State House to the new Rooms	4 — —
In favour of Thos. Nevell, in part of his Account	10 — —
	£ 32. 17. 3

At a Meeting of the Directors, November 15th. 1773 —

Present,

Matthew Clarkson — Josiah Hewes
John Kaighn — Robert S Jones —
Francis Alison

Agreed, that 2 Chandeliers be made for the Library, and Gab.l Valois, being present, the Directors engaged with him to make them for £7. 10 — and he agrees to Carve and Gild 2 Roses, to be fastened to the Ceiling, over the Chandeliers.

The Committee appointed to the care of getting the Rooms fitted up, Report, that they have drawn an Order on the Treasurer, in favour of Daniel Montgomery for £20. 6. 1 being in full for Painting. The Treas.r out of this Sum is to deduct £2. 7. 3 which said Montgomery owes the Company.

The Directors agree to purchase of Rob.t Aitken, a Set of Books now before them entitled, The Encyclopedia Britannica.

At a Meeting of the Directors, Novem.r 29th. 1773 —

Present

Josiah Hewes — Rob.t S Jones
Sam.l Rhoads — Sharp Delany
Matthew Clarkson. — Joseph Parker.
John Kaighn

The Directors being about to send for a number of Books the Librarian is directed to let any Director have for their Assistance in making out Lists, the Monthly Reviews and any Biographical Dictionaries, they giving their Notes for the same.

The Directors drew an Order on the Treasurer for £1. 2. 6 to reimburse Matthew Clarkson, Money advanced by him to Bernard Roman, being the first Payment for one best Set of Charts of the Navigation to and in the new ceded Countries to the southward of Georgia.

The Committee appointed to get the new Rooms fitted up, Report, That they have drawn an Order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Nevell for £9. 9. 6 being the Balance due him.

John Frozier applies for leave to transfer his Share in the Library to Samuel Robins, Boat Builder, which is agreed to, provided he pays all Arrears that may be due.

Samuel Rhoads, Josiah Hewes and Robert S Jones are appointed a Committee to write to Doct.r Franklin and Inclose the order to him, that is now made out.

At a Meeting of the Directors, December 27th 1773 —

Present

Francis Alison — Robert S Jones
Samuel Rhoads — John Kaighn.

A Quorum not appearing no Business entred upon.

Here follows Copy of the Letter and Order sent by the Committee appointed to write to Doct.r Franklin for Books — viz.

Philad.a Dec.r 28th 1773 —

"Doct.r Benjamin Franklin,

Sir,

"In Behalf of the Directors of the Library
"Company of Philadelphia, we acknowledge the receipt of your sun-
"dry favours, particularly of the 22d August 1772 with the Books by
"Falconer; for observations upon which you will please to be referr'd
"to the last Page of the Inclosed. Mr. Bache has likewise delivered
"Hawkesworth's Voyages, Mc. Pherson's Iliad & Dalrymple's Letters, for
"which additional instance of your attention to the Interest of the
"Company, we present our Thanks — The Directors agree with
you

" you in Sentiment concerning the Journals of the House of Commons
" as the opportunities of purchasing them at Auction are so frequent
" and the price so much lower. We should be glad to hear how
" soon the new Edition of the Encyclopædia may be expected ".

" The Company being in want of the Books mentioned in the inclosed
" Catalogue, must beg your kind assistance in procuring them (with any
" others you may think proper for our Collection) to be sent by the first
" Opportunity. We shd be glad with these Books to have a sketch of our Acct
" upon wch we shall be carful immediately to remit the Balance.
" Since our last the Library has been removed to a new Building
" called The Carpenters Hall, in the Centre of the Square, in which Friends
" School stands; the Books (inclosed within Wire Lattices) are kept
" in one large Room and in another handsome Appartment the
" Apparatus is deposited and the Directors meet.

" With great Regard

We are Sir"

Your obliged humb. Servants
Robt. J. Jones.
Josiah Lewes."

" P.S. The Directors some time
" since sent a Catalogue of the
" Books in the Library, which
" we hope got to hand. "

" In Case of Doctr. Franklin's Absence, the inclosed Catalogue
" of Books is recommended to Mr. Strachan, to be for-
" warded ye first Opportunity for this place."

" Samuel Rhoads "

Sent p the Polly, Capt. Ayres

List of Books for the Library Company of Philadelphia — 94

Bailey's Advancement of the Arts &c. or a description of Machines &c. in the repository of the Society of Arts &c. 4 to.

A Collection of various Discourses written by eminent Antiquaries upon several heads in our English Antiquities. Together with Mr. Tho.s Hearne's Preface and Appendix to the former Edition. To which are added a great number of Discourses by the same Author. 8 vo. 2 vols.

Velly's new History of France

Le Beau's History of the lower Empire.

Genuine Anecdotes of the life of the late Peter Collinson. ✓

Pennant's Indian Zoology.

Travels of a Philosopher. By Mr. Le Poivre.

Swinbourne on Wills.

Wier's Book Keeping.

Love's Surveying.

Rymer's Fœdera. ✓

Wilkie's Fables.

Maundreuil's Travels

An Argument in the Case of Somerset a Negro. (Outridge) ✓

Fourth vol. of Walpole's Anecdotes of Painting, if Published.

Condamine's Travels. (describing his journey up the Cordilleras, and down the Amazon River &c. &c.) ✓

Addington's Youth's Geographical Grammer. 8 vo. (Buchland)

Dr. Rotherham on Water. 8 vo. (Murray)

The Universal Catalogue or General Review of new Books for 1772 &c.f. (Printed for John Bell near Exeter 'Change)

Berenger's Hist. of Horsemanship.

The ready Observer. By N D Falck 4 to. (Weller & Grosvenor, Stationers)

Every Man his own Guager. By J Illenden, Canterbury (sold by Baldwin, Lon.)

Priestley's Introduction to Perspective. 8 vo.

Directions for the use of Hadley's Quadrant & The Theory of the same Instrumens both by the Rev.d Mr. Ludlam (Cadell) ✓

Dr. Price's Supplement to his Observations on Reversionary Payments &c.f.

Winter Riches: or a Miscellany cont.g Directions and Observations necessary for the laborious Farmer &c. By Matthew Peters (Fleury) 8 vo.

Pennant's Tour into Scotland. 1769. 8 vo.

Gibbs's Designs in Architecture.

A Dictionary of Chymistry, cont.g the Theory and Practice of that Science Translated from the French, with Plates, Notes &c. 2 vols. 4 to. (Cadell)

Medical Observations and Inquiries by a Society of Physicians in London 2, 3 & 4th vols. the first vol. we have in Octavo.

Bougainville's Voyage round the World. 4 to. (Nourse & Co.) ✓

Mason's English Garden, a Poem. (Horsefield) ✓

Price's Appeal to the Public on the National Debt (Cadell)

The Beauties of the Magazines and other periodical Works, selected for a series of Years. 2 vols. 12 mo. (Richardson and Urquhart)

Considerations on Criminal Law. 8 vo. (Cadell.)

A Discourse deliver'd to the Students of the Royal Academy at the distribution of Prizes Dec.r 10 1771. By the President. (Davies) ✓

Ewing's Synopsis of Practical Mathematics. 12 mo. (Cadell)

The Atlantic Pilot. (sold by Leacroft)

Marshall's Travels thro' Holland, Flanders, Germany &c &c. in the years 1768 1769. 1770. 8 vo. 3 vols. (Almon)

Political Essays concerning the present state of the British Empire. 4 to. ✓

Sullivan's Lectures on the Feudal Law &c. 4 to. (Johnson & Payne 1772) (Cadell 1772)

Whitelocke's Journal of the Swedish Ambassy in the years 1653 & 1654. 2 vols 4 to. (Becket)

All the Publications of the Dublin Society, except the Work entitled "The Dublin Society's Weekly Observations for the advancement of Agriculture and Manufactures" Glasgow 1756

Priestley on the different kinds of Air.

Dictionaire de L'Academie Francoise.

Simson's Fluxions. Lawrance's Algebra.

Town and Country Magazine, from the beginning to the present time.

Fenelon's Lives of the Ancient Philosophers.

Lowth Bishop of Oxford De Poesi sacra Hebraeorum.

Select Essays on Commerce, Agriculture, Mines, Fisheries and other useful Subjects. 8 vo. (It is a Translation of the Journal Oeconomique publish'd at Paris)

The Analysis of Nobility, in its origin; as military, mercantile and literary. Translated from the German of Baron Van Lowhen. 12 mo.

Select Pieces on Commerce, natural Philosophy, Morality, Antiquities, History &c. Translated from Authors of Repute in the French, Italian, Spanish, Latin and German Languages. 8 vo.

An account of an Attempt to ascertain the Longitude at Sea, by an exact Theory of the magnetic Needle. By Zachariah Williams. 4 to. 1/

The History of Crœsus King of Lydia, in 4 Parts, containing Observations on Destiny, Dreams, Oracles &c. 12 mo.

An Essay on the Origin of human Knowledge, being a supplement to Locke's Essay &c. Translated from the French of the Abbe Condillac. By Mr Nugent

Rogers's Dissertation on the knowledge of the Ancients in Astronomy and Optical Instruments. 8 vo.

Dow's History of Hindostan. 2 vols 4 to. send the best Edition

Mr Pherson's Critical Dissertations on the Origin, Antiquities &c. of the ancient Caledonians, their Posterity the Picts, and the British and Irish Scots.

Manstein's Memoirs of Russia from 1727 to 1744. 4 to.

Judge Forster's Reports

An Authentic Narrative of the Oppressions of the Islanders of Jersey. 8 vo.

An Authentic Narrative of the Russian Expedition against the Turks by Sea and Land. By an Officer onboard the Russian Fleet. 8 vo

The Artificial Changeling. (It treats of the different Customs and Modes of Dress prevalent in the several Ages and Nations of the World.)

Dr Gale's Collection of Ancient English Historians. 3 vols. Fol. Oxon. 1684 or a later Edition if any published.

Plutarch's Treatise de Isi & Osiride, Greek & English, with large Notes by Dr Squire late Bishop of St Davids.

Langhorne's Plutarch. Rowe's Additions to Plutarch's Lives

A Vindication of Lord Shaftesbury on the subject of Ridicule being Remarks on a Book entituled Essays on the Characteristics. 8 vo.

A Vindication of my Lord Shaftesbury on the subject of Morality and Religion being farther Remarks on a Book entituled Essays &c. By Revd Charles Bulkeley. 8 vo.

Bradley's Philosophical Account of the Works of Nature.

Duncan's Cæsar's Commentaries

Harris's Treatises on Art, Happiness &c.

~~The Spirit of Laws by the Baron Montesquieu.~~

A Dissertation on the numbers of Mankind in ancient and modern times, in which the superior Populousness of Antiquity is maintained. 8vo.

A Dissertation upon the nature and intention of Homer's Fables relating to the Gods. 8vo.

Templeman's curious Remarks & Observations in Physics &c. 8vo.

~~Crantz's Historical & Biographical Chart with the explanatory Tables.~~

Robertson's Navigation, last edition

Clarendon's State Papers (lately Published)

~~Hildebrand.~~

Molineaux's State of Ireland

Brown's Vulgar Errors

Burney's History of Music. If this is not yet Published please subscribe for it for the Library Company, in case it is thought a Work of merit.

~~Happy supporting Lay Clergy [illegible] have already.)~~

Cullen's Lectures on the Materia Medica.

The Works in Architecture of Robert and James Adam Esqrs. of the Adelphi, (as far as now Published). This being an expensive Work, unless it is of real Merit please omit it. The Directors being only acquainted with it from an Advertisement.

Critical Reviews from the first publication to the present time. Bound in vols. Unless they can be had complete, please omit them.

The London Catalogue of Books in all Languages, that have been printed in Great Britain since 1700 (Sold by Harris)

Robertson's Sequel to the History of Charles V (if Published).

Junius's Letters, complete. ✓

Martin's Mariner's Mirrour

Hamilton on Conic Sections

Stone on - - Ditto

M Laurin's Algebra

✓

Emerson's Fluxions.

Lexiphanes (a Burlesque)

✓

Philos.l Transactions from vol 60 exclusive

Political Register from vol 9 . Do.

Nautical Almanac from 1773 .. Do.

1 Lon.n Mag 1772

2 ditto . . . 1773

2 Gent Mag . 1772

1 ditto . . . 1773

Univ.l Do. from vol 50 exclus.

Christian's Mag. from 1766 Do.

Monthly Review from vol 45 Do.

Annual Register from 1771 Do.

Martin's Mag from vol 2 Do. (if any Publish'd after)

Court Miscellany or Ladies Mag. a complete set, if to be had ✓

Kalm's Travels from vol 3 exclus. if any Publish'd

The Statutes, from the Acts pass'd in the 4th year of Geo. 3d. chap. 41 exclus. to the present time, in Quarto if to be had, if not Folio or otherwise.

Letters by several eminent Persons deceased. Including the correspondence of John Hughes Esqr. and several of his Friends (Johnson)

Poems. By Miss Aiken. 4 to. (Johnson) ✓

Verelst's View of the Rise, Progress, and present state of the English Government in Bengal. (Nourse)

Wright's Elements of Trigonometry. Sold by Nourse in London.

Hoole's Translation of Orlando Furiosa

Furneaux's Essay on Toleration (Cadell)

Travels through Sicily and that part of Italy formerly called Magna Græcia Translated from the German by J R Forster (Dilly)

A Treatise upon the Trade from Great Britain to Africa. By an African Merchant. Baldwin. ✓

Letters from Italy in the years 1754 & 1755 By the late Earl of Corke and Orrery.

The Memoirs of G B and Ireland by Sir John Dalrymple, preceding the vol. sent us, in order to have them complete.

Omitted last Importation (p. Falconer) Nautical Almanac for 1772 — £ — 3 . 6

Potts on the Fistula in Lachrymalis, receᵈ p. Falconer, should not be charg'd being omitted by Williams & charg'd in Invo. by him . . . . . — 1 . 6

In Invo. p. Williams Ogilvie's Poems were charg'd 12/ being Quarto, but being omitted, by Falconer we receᵈ a Set in Duᵒ. to replace them (2 vols) which being but 6/ we should have credit for the difference . . . . . — 6

£ — 11 .

In Invᵒ. by Falconer we are charg'd 34/6 for Bower's Hist. of the Popes vols 5, 6, 7 & 8: we receᵈ no 8th vol. nor is there any, we believe, pray does that price stand right for 3 vols.

By Williams, and again (thro' mistake) by Falconer, we receᵈ Wilkes's Letters, one vol. in Duᵒ which is in both Invoices charged at 6/ Quere, whether a Mistake?

At a Meeting of the Directors February 7th 1774 (The Monthly Meeting being Postponed one Week on account of inclement Weather)

Present

Joseph Parker — Francis Alison
Josiah Hewes — Joseph Paschall

A Quorum not appearing, no Business done this time.

At a Meeting of the Directors, February 28th. 1774

Present

Joseph Parker — Joˢ Paschall — Robert S Jones
Josiah Hewes — John Kaighn

A Quorum not appearing adjournᵈ to March 7th. next.

At a Meeting of the Directors March 7th. 1774.

Present

Jos. Parker — Samuel Rhoads
Francis Alison — Josiah Hewes
Sharp Delany — Joseph Paschall

The Secretary laid before the Directors a Letter he received from the Librarian Charles Cist, by which it appears that he is desirous of giving up his office as soon as another suitable Person can be engaged; the Secretary is desired to give notice in the News Papers that a Librarian is wanted by the Company.

Charles Martin applies to be admitted a Member to which the Directors present agreed and desire the Secretary to get the concurrence of another Director.

The Secretary is desired to procure 2 Sets of Caspipina's Letters, and 2 Sets of the Examination of the Connecticut Claim to Lands in Pennsylvania.

Mem: The Secy got the consent of Jn Kaighn to the admission of C Stanton

At a Meeting of the Directors April 11th 1774

Present

Sharp Delany — Joseph Paschall — Francis Alison
Robert S Jones — Joseph Parker
Sam! Rhoads — Matthew Clarkson

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz.

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In favour of David Rittenhouse for repairs done to the Telescope & new Mounting	8 .. ..
In favour of Robert Aitken, being in full of his Account for Books for Binding &c. (Over 6.)	22 . 18 . 6
	30 . 18 . 6

The Committee appointed to get the new Rooms fitted up, have drawn an Order in favour of Joseph Paschall for £12 . 13 .. being in full for sundries furnished by the late Partnership of Isaac and Joseph Paschall.

Abraham Bickley applied for leave to Assign his Share to George Morgan which is granted.

James

James Biddle, Thomas Dicas, Charles Wharton, Joseph Jones, Valentine Standley and the Estate of Thomas Carpenter being pretty heavily indebted for Fines on Books kept out a long time, it is agreed that the Librarian may compound their Debts by the following Mode viz. They shall return the Books and ~~do~~ pay the value thereof in lieu of all Fines. Charles Martin's certificate has not been made out yet.

At a Meeting of the Directors April 14th 1774.

Present

Josiah Hewes	Francis Alison
Samuel Rhoads	Joseph Parker
Matthew Clarkson	Sharp Delany
John Kaighn	Robert S Jones.

The Directors chose Francis Daymon for Librarian in the room of Charles Gift who declines that Office: he is to give security in the sum of £1000. his Salary to be £60 ℔ Annum. Sharp Delany and Josiah Hewes are desired to inform our old Librarian of the Directors choice, and to see the Books &c. delivered to Daymon agreable to Catalogue thereof when list entred upon the Office.

Robert S Jones & Matthew Clarkson are appointed to let out £100 upon Interest to Michael Miltenburger, if that sum is in the Treasury and in case they judge the security he has to offer is sufficient.

Josiah Hewes presented in the name of Elizabeth Douglass, Wife of George Douglass Merchant of this City, a marine substance bearing some resemblance to a large Shell: taken out of the Sea at Tooks Island by Capt. Robert Allison; for which Donation J H is desired to return the said Lady the Thanks of this Board.

At a Meeting of the Directors April 25th. 1774.

Present.

Joseph Paschall	John Kaighn
Josiah Hewes	Robert S Jones.
Samuel Rhoads	

A Quorum not appearing no Business done.

At a Meeting of the Directors April 29th. 1774.

Present,

Matthew Clarkson — Francis Alison
Sharp Delany — Joseph Parker
Joseph Paschall — Samuel Rhoads.
Josiah Hewes

The Treasurer acquainted the Board that Charles Stirlin hath paid £10 being the consideration for a Share in the Library.

The Secretary reports that he has Recorded Abraham Bickley's Assignment to George Morgan.

Sharp Delany and Josiah Hewes report that the Books are delivered to the new Librarian Francis Daymon agreable to List when List entred upon the Office, except a volume of the English Theatre, & Pearsall's Meditations, (№ 377) Duodecimo, and New System of Agriculture, №. 364, 8vo. which are missing.

Matthew Clarkson reports that nothing is yet done with respect to letting Miltenberger have the Money on Loan.

The Treasurer's Account being now examined it appears there is at this time in his hands in Cash £392.16.10½ in which sum is reckon'd the £200 — he borrowed and has replaced in the Treasury, with the Interest due thereon. The Secretary is directed to deliver the Treasurer the Bond he gave for that Money. There are Bonds now in the Treasurer's hands to the amount of £800 — Rent and other Debts due, (besides Bonds) is £136.7.1

The Account of Charles List late Librarian being examined at the Table there appears due to him £37.17.8½.

The Account of William Attmore, Secy. being examined there appears a Balance of £5.3.4 due to him.

Josiah Hewes brought a Letter received from Benja. Franklin & Capt. Falconer, by whom 3 Trunks of Books, (and also) come, but no Invoice. Copy of the Letter follows,

"To Messrs. R. Strettell Jones & Josiah Hewes."

London, Feb. 18, 1774.

"Gentlemen.

"I duly received your favour of Dec. 28, and immediately "ordered the Books of your Invoice to be collected. I hope they will be

"ready to go by one of these Ships. If not you may expect them by
"the next.

"It is said the new Edition of the Encyclopedia may be expected in
"about two Years.

"I received the Catalogue and thank you for it. I am glad to hear
"the Library is now situated so much to Satisfaction. I wish it constant
"Prosperity, and am with great Regard to the Directors and yourselves,
"Gentlemen,

"Your most obedient
"humble Servant
"B Franklin."

At a Meeting of the Directors May 3d 1774

Present

Josiah Hewes	Reynold Keen
Sharp Delany	Philip Benezet
Robert S Jones	Joseph Paschall.
John Haighn	

Matthew Clarkson and Robert S Jones are continued as a Committee to let Michael Hiltenburger have the Money on loan as before minuted.

Samuel Morris the late Treasurer attending, paid into the hands of Joseph Hillborn the present Treasurer the sum of £392.16.10½ being what remaind in his hands at settlement with him last Meeting, and likewise £67.10.— annual Payments and Fines received from sundry Members on the Day of Election.

The Secretary has delivered Saml Morris the Bond he gave for Money borrowed. He is desired to deliver him the Bond given for performance of his Trust as Treasurer.

Robert S Jones & Reynold Keen are appointed to take Security from the present Treasurer Joseph Hillborn.

Matthew Clarkson & Robert S Jones are appointed to take Security from Francis Daymon, Librarian.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer, – viz:

In favour of Charles List for the Balance of his Account, being £37.17.8½ & 40/ due Anne Anderson for washing the Rooms, Windows &c. & for sweeping the Rooms £39.17.8½

Out of this is to be deducted the value of Pearsall's Meditations & System of Agriculture, books lost; the vol. of the English Theatre mentioned in Minute April 29th. is found. (see next Minutes.)

In favour of Hall & Sellers, in full of their Account 2.18.–

In favour of the Exrs of David Hall dec.d in full of his Account 9.13.1

£52.8.9½

John Galloway applies to be admitted a Member in the room of Thomas Dicas, & Adam Clampffer in the room of his Father William Clampffer, which are allowed provided all Fines be first paid, if there be any due.

Sharp Delany, Josiah Hewes & Jos. Paschall are appointed a Committee to get Shelves fitted for reception of the Books lately received from London.

At a Meeting of the Directors May 30th. 1774.

Present,

Reynold Keen	Philip Benezet
Francis Alison	Josiah Hewes
Joseph Parker	Sharp Delany,
Rob.t S Jones	& Jos. Hillborn, Treas.r

Robert S Jones reports that Michael Miltenburger has received £100 – of the Treasurer on Loan, for which he has given such Security as the Committee apprehend is sufficient.

The Secretary reported that he has delivered Samuel Morris the Bond he & his Brother Anthony gave for the performance of his Trust as the Company's Treas.

Robert S Jones & Reynold Keen report that Joseph Hillborn the present Treasurer, together with Josiah Hewes, have executed a Bond in the Sum of £3000 for the faithful performance of said Hillborn's Trust: the Bond was now delivered to the Secretary William Attmore.

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The Committee appointed to take Security of the Librarian Francis Daymon have not accomplish'd that Business for want of a Catalogue of the Books and Effects committed to his care, the Secretary is desired to employ some person to prepare a Catalogue of the Books that were deliver'd to said Daymon & when done deliver it to the Committee.

The Assignments of Thomas Dicas to John Galloway and the Administrators of William Clampffer to Adam Clampffer have not been Recorded yet, Dicas living in Jamaica & is not expected his will come to hand for some Months.

The Committee appointed to get Shelves fitted up for reception of Books lately Imported have engaged James Pearson to do it.

Agreed, that as there is now near £500 in the Treasurer's hands, £300 thereof shall be let out on Interest to the County Commissioners, the Treasurer is desired to transact this Business; an order was now drawn & deliver'd to him to pay them the Money on their delivering him Certificates for the same.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Francis Daymon for £10 in part of his Salary for the current Year.

And one in favour of William Attmore for £7.5.1, of which £5.3.4 is the balance of his Account as settled by the late Directors, £1.18.9 Money since advanc'd by him for Freight and Portage of Books &c Falconer, and 3/ Expences at the Election.

Luke Keatinge applies to be admitted a Member having purchas'd the Share belonging to late John Lort, deceased, which is allowed.

Robert Aitken has presented the Company with a Book entitled Essay on Women Translated from the French by M. Russell for which Donation the Secretary is desired to return him the Thanks of the Board.

The Secretary representing that the Screw used in affixing the Seal to Writings wants Mending, he is desired to employ Samuel Wheeler to put it in order, there being something due from him to the Company.

Doct. Rumidet having sent a parcel of Books he has for Sale to the Library to be viewed by the Directors, they think part of them suitable for the Library, Doct. Alison & Philip Benezet are desired to call on Doct. Rumidet, & know if he will sell such a part of them as the Directors may chuse.

Fifteen Shillings was deducted from the money due Charles Lost, till the Books lost during his officiating as Librarian, are recover'd.

Matthew Clarkson sent to the Library Leland's History of Ireland which he bought of Robert Aitken for the Company & will appear in Aitken's Acco.t

At a Meeting of the Directors June 27th. 1774.

Present

Francis Alison
Joseph Paschall
Reynold Keen
John Kaighn
Sharp Delany
Matthew Clarkson
Josiah Hewes.

The Committee appointed to take Security of the Librarian Report, that they have not yet compleated that Busines the Catalogue of Books not being finish'd. John Kaighn & Sharp Delany undertake to make out a List of the Philosophical Apparatus, Curiosities and Furniture belonging to the Company, to be added to after the Books, in order that the Librarian may give Security for the whole.

The Assignments of Thomas Dicas to John Galloway, the Administrators of William Clampffer to Adam Clampffer, & the Administrators of John Lord to Luke Heatinge, have not been Recorded yet.

The Committee appointed to get Shelves fitted up, Report, that they are not yet compleated.

The Secretary informs that the Treasurer acquainted him that he hath paid the County Commissioners £300 — and received Certificates for the same.

The Secretary Reports, that he hath returned the Thanks of the Directors to Robert Aitken for his Present.

The Committee appointed to wait on Doct.r Rumidet, not having perform'd that service Joseph Paschall is added to the Committee, and they are desired to call on the Doctor shortly.

William B. Hockley applies to be admitted a Member instead of his Father Richard Hockley, & John Keble applies for leave to purchase the Share late Doct.r Cadwalader Evans's, both which are agreed to.

The Secretary is desired to Subscribe with James Humphreys Junr. for Sterne's Works, & is desired to procure 2 Sets of Julius Grenville, 2 Sets of Jones's Journa

Journal of a Journey to the Ohio, Phillis Wheatly's Poems, the Annual Register for last Year, and Reeds Plan of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia

George Davis having incurr'd a heavy Fine by his Boy keeping a Book a long time, he had out of the Library in his Name; applied to the Directors for a miligation thereof, the Librarian is directed to compound the same for 15/.

George Meade having lent his Note to a young Man who got out thereon vol.s of Rollin's Ancient History, and is since gone to the West Indies without returning them, requested the Board to consider his case & make such Abatement as they should think reasonable: Agreed, that if he will furnish a new Set he shall only pay a Fine of 12/.

At a Meeting of the Directors July 25th 1774.

Present

A few Directors but not a Quorum.

At a Meeting of the Directors August 29th 1774.

Present

Matthew Clarkson — Philip Benezet
Jos. Paschall — John Kaighn.

A Quorum not appearing adjourned to the 31st Inst. to meet at 7 O'Clock, P.M.

At a Meeting of the Directors, pursuant to Adjournment August 31st 1774.

Present

Matthew Clarkson — Philip Benezet
John Kaighn — Joseph Paschall
Josiah Hewes — Reynold Keen.
Joseph Parker — & Willm. Monroe, Secy.

The Committee appointed to take Security of the Librarian, Report, that Business is not yet compleated.

The Secretary Reports that he Recorded the Assignments of the Administra-
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tors of John Lort to Luke Keatinge, Richard Hockley to William B Hockley, & the Administrators of William Lamplugh to Adam Lamplugh, those of Thomas Dicas to John Galloway, and the Executors of Edwalader Evans to John Kebble have not been produced yet.

The Committee appointed to get some more Shelves fitted up, Report, they are done.

The Committee appointed to wait on Doct.r Rumidet, Report, that they have not called on him yet, he being at present at New-York when he returns they are requested to wait on him.

The Secretary Reports that he called on James Humphreys Junr. to Subscribe for Sterne's Works, Humphreys told him he had put them down before; he further reports that he has procured 2 Sets of Juliet Grenville, 2 Sets of Jones's Journal, Wheatley's Poems and Reeds' Plan, the Annual Register is not to be had.

Nicholas Garrison intimating to some of the Directors that he has a Title to the Share late William Parsons' John Kaighn & Joseph Paschall are desired to call on him and enquire into his Claim.

William Allmon (the Serv.t) produced his Account amounting to £11.5.5 for which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer.

Andrew Robeson applies to be admitted a Member, having purchas'd the Share late Tho.s Carpenter's of Rachel Carpenter who holds the same under her Brother's Will, Joseph Richardson applies for leave to Assign his Share to his Son Nathaniel, & Benjamin Poultney applies for leave to purchase Job Pearson's Share, all which are agreed to.

Robert Bell being considerably in Arrears for Rent, the Treasurer is desired to call on him & inform him it will by no means suit the Company to wait any longer for the Money and desire he will pay it immediately.

William Coats being in Arrears for Interest on Money lent him, the Treasurer is desired to call on him & acquaint him, the Directors as Trustees of the Company, expect he will punctually pay the Interest on the

Money lent to him, as it becomes due, otherwise it will not suit them to continue the Money in his Hands.

The Secretary is desired to furnish the Treasurer with Copies of the two last Minutes.

The Secretary Subscribed at the Table in Matthew Clarkson's Subscribtion Paper (by Order of the Directors) for 2 Sets of a Work proposed to be published in New York under the Title of American State Papers, to be comprized in about 5 vols. 8vo. He is desired to Subscribe for the New Jersey Laws proposed to be Publish'd shortly. The Treasurer is desired to furnish him Two Dollars, being the Payment at Subscribing.

Upon Motion, Ordered; That the Librarian furnish the Gentlemen who are to meet in Congress in this City, with the use of such Books as they may have occasion for during their sitting, taking a Receipt for them. The Secy is desired to deliver a Copy of this Minute to their Chairman.

The following Letter is come to hand from Doct.r Benj.a Franklin.

"Gentlemen, London, April 7, 1774

"I thought Mr. Strahan had transmitted to you the Invoice "with the Books by Falconer. It is but yesterday he brought it to me, "and I now inclose it, with a Sketch of your Account.

"With my Respects to the Directors, & sincere Wishes of Prosperity "to the Institution, I am, Gentlemen,

"Messrs. I. Rhoads, R Strettel Jones "and Josiah Hewes, Comm.a of the "Directors of the Lib: Company. Your most obedient humble Servant B Franklin.

See Copies of the Invoice & Account in Book of Accounts.

The Secretary is desired to deliver the Charter of the Company and the Patent for the Company's Lot in Chestnut Street to the Treasurer.

It not being convenient to our present Secretary Wm. Atlmore, to serve any

any longer, the Directors therefore choose Andrew Robesons in his Stead, and he is desired to deliver the Companys Seal, Books and Papers in his Custody to said Andrew Robeson.

The News Papers are for the future to be delivered to Francis Daymon, Librarian.

At a Meeting of the Directors September 29th. 1774 –

Present Francis Allison, Joseph Paschall, Matthew Clarkson, Sharp Delany, Philip Benezet, Reynold Keen, Josiah Hewes

The late Secretary, attending, reports that he has subscribed with Mess Fisher Esquire for the Jersey Laws; and produced a Receipt for fifteen Shillings, being the Money paid at subscribing, which Money he received of the Treasurer, and delivered the Receipt to the present Secretary – That he has recorded Rachel Carpenters Assignment of the Share late belonging to her Brother Thomas) to Andrew Robeson – That he called, agreeably to the Order of the Directors, on Peyton Randolph Esquire, Chairman of the Congress, with a Copy of the minute permitting the Use of the Company's Books, who was pleased to say he "was much obliged to the Directors" –

He further reports, that he has delivered the Treasurer the Charter of the Company, the Charter of the late Union Library Company, the Patent for the Lot in Chesnut Street, the Deed from the late Union Library Company, to this Company, and the Instrument of Partnership of this Company –

The present Secretary, acknowledges the Receipt of the Company's Seal Books and Papers –

The Committee appointed to take Security of the Librarian, report that the Catalogue is now made out, and that the Security will be taken by the next Meeting of the Board –

The Secretary informs the Board that he has not yet received the Assignments from Thomas Dicas to John Galloway

Galloway, or of the Exs. of Cadwallador Evans to John Kebb.

The Directors unanimously agree to take the Books offered them by Doctor Renaudet, at the prices mentioned in his Catalogue, amounting in the whole to twelve pounds sixteen Shillings and six pence, for which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer —

Mr. Kaighn and Mr. Paschall are continued a Committee to inquire into the Claim of Nicholas Garrison, to the Share late William Parsons —

The Secretary reports, that he has recorded the Assignment from Joseph Richardson to Nathaniel Richardson —

The Secretary is directed to inquire of the Treasurer what has been done by him for obtaining the Monies due the Company from Robert Bell and William Coats —

The present Secretary is desired to inquire of the late Secy. whether the Inventory of the three last Trunks of Books, recd. by Capt. agrees with the Invoice since recieved from Dr. Franklin —

A Letter from Dr. Franklin was produced to the Board by Mr. Josiah Hewes and read, as follows Viz.

Messrs. Samuel Rhoads
Robert Strettell Jones
Josiah Hewes —

London July 25th. 1774

Gentlemen

I send herewith by Capt. Falconer, a Box directed for the Library Company, containing the following new Books, which I hope will be agreeable to them Viz.

Sketches of the History of Man by Lord Kaims	2 Vol. 4to.	Leland's History of Ireland	3 Vol. 4to.
Letters of Lady Caroline Rusfell	4to.	Campbell's political Survey of G. Britain	2 Vol. 4to.
Discovery of new Northern Archipelago	8vo.	Lord Chesterfield's Letters	4 Vol. 8vo.
Barton's History of English Poetry	4to.	Bryant's antient Mythology	2 Vol. 4to.

In another Box directed for the Philosophical Society I send also for the Library Company

Pennant's Journey into Scotland. 2 Vol. 4to.

Please to apply for them to Dr. Rush.

With my best Wishes of Success to the Institution and Esteem for yourselves and the other Directors

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
B. Franklin

Messr. Clarkson, Jones and Hewes, are appointed a Committee to settle the Company's Account with Dr. Franklin, and to purchase and remit him a Bill of Exchange to what Amount they shall judge expedient, not exceeding sixty pounds Sterling, and to draw for that Amount on the Treasurer —

The last Importation of Books having come but half-bound, the Board direct that they be sent to be whole-bound, and request Mr. Clarkson to superintend that Business —

The Librarian informs that George Meade, has complied with the Minute of this Board of the 27th June last —

Mr. Robert Aitkin having presented the Company with Buchan's Family Physician — Mr. John Crosse, with Stuart's Letter, and Mr. Charles Cist, with the Skin of a Guana neatly stuffed and dried — the Secretary is desired to communicate the Thanks of this Board to each of the said Gentlemen for their respective presents —

Messr. Benezet and Paschall are appointed a Committee for employing a person to make out a supplemental Catalogue & get the same printed

The Times of Meeting, being found inconvenient to several of the Directors and the Secretary, it is agreed, that the future meetings be held on the second Tuesday in each Month —

At a Meeting of the Directors October 11th 1774

Present Matthew Clarkson, Reynold Keen, Philip Benezet, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Joseph Parker

Messr. Clarkson Hewes and Paschall the Committee for fitting up the Library Room exhibited the Account of Mr. John Zellers for Work done for the Company to the Amount of four pounds and two pence & for which Sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer —

At a Meeting of the Directors November 8th 1774

Present Messr. Allison, Benezet, Jones, Keighton, Paschall and Parker —

A full Board not appearing No Business done.

At a Meeting of the Directors December 13th 1774

Present Francis Alison
Sharp Delany
John Kaighn
Robert Strettell Jones
Joseph Paschall
Josiah Hewes
Philip Benezet —

It appearing that Security is not yet taken from the Librarian Mr. Alison is added to the Committee formerly appointed for settling that Business —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignment from the Executors of Lad. Evans to John Noble —

The Committee appointed for inquiring into the Claim of Nicholas Garrison to the Share late belonging to William Parsons are continued —

The Secretary reports that agreeably to the Direction of the Board he has waited on the Treasurer and on inquiring what had been done with Respect to the Monies Due from Robert Bell and William Coats received for Answer that the Treasurer would attend the Board and lay before them the Circumstances of those Affairs. And also that on Inquiry he had been informed by the late Secretary that the Books last received and Invoice sent by Dr. Franklin did agree. The Treasurer not attending this Evening the Secretary is requested to wait on him again —

The Committee appointed for transmitting Dr. Franklin a Bill of Exchange for the Money due him from the Company not having executed that Business the Board direct that they procure and send a Bill for sixty pounds Sterling, answer his Letters and request him to purchase and send the Company the best political Tracts lately published relative to the present Dispute between Great Britain and America —

The Committee appointed for making out a supplemental Catalogue are continued that Business not being accomplished —

Application being made by Benjamin Gibbs for the Permission of this Board to purchase the Share of George North and by William Todd for their permission to purchase the Share of Thomas Moore the Board assent thereto —

The Secretary is requested to procure two Setts of the Proceedings of the Continental Congress; and two Setts of the Resolutions of the Committee for the Province of Pennsylvania, and get a Sett of each bound together.

Messrs. Dulany and Benezet are appointed a Committee to examine the Account of Robert Aitkin delivered in this Evening and whether the Books sent him are all returned if they find the Account right, to draw on the Treasurer for the Amount. They are also requested to see that the last Importations of Books be inserted in the Catalogue.

Ordered that the Librarian procure the 10th. Vol. of the Statutes at large, and the Laws of the Province of New York.

At a Meeting of the Directors January 10th. 1775.

Present
Francis Allison — Philip Benezet
Joseph Howes — John Kaighn
Joseph Paschall — Joseph Parker

Mr. Allison, one of the Committee appointed for taking Security of the Librarian, lays before the Board the Bond taken for that purpose; which is approved, and ordered to be delivered to the Treasurer, who being present accepted the same. See the Bond in the Book entitled the Secretary Catalogue.

Messrs. Paschall and Kaighn, the Committee appointed for enquiring into Nicholas Garrison's Claim to the Share late of William Parsons, report, that they waited on Nicholas Garrison, who informed them he had written to the Executor of the said Parsons, for a Certificate of his having purchased the Share, and would lay it before the Board as soon as it should be received.

The Treasurer informs the Board that he has received from Robert Bell £19..18..9 which, with an Account exhibited by Mr. Bell against the Company, and now admitted by the Directors, is in full of one Year's Rent, due in October 1773. And that he has received no monies of William Coats.

Mr. Howes, one of the Committee for transmitting Dr. Franklin a Bill of Exchange &c. reports that the Committee have purchased a Bill for £60 Sterg. and wrote a Letter whereof a Copy follows; which was delivered the Secretary, who informs the Board that he has sent the same by the Ship Amelia Capt. Simon.

D.r B. Franklin

Philadelphia

Sir We are directed to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7 April & 25 July with the Books sent for the use of our Company, this fresh Instance, of your constant kind Concern for us is very obliging, but we must just observe, that the prices of those last sent, are not mentioned —

Inclosed, you have Barclay & Mitchells Draught at sixty Days Sight on David Hay Esq.r & Co. for £60 Ster.g in favor of Josiah Hewes, and by him indorsed. There will remain a Small Ballance in our favor, which you will be kind enough to lay out for the most esteemed Tracts, published, relative to the present American Controversy —

The Directors were preparing an Order for Books; but from the present unhappy Situation of publick Affairs, it must be postponed. Wishing for Days more propitious to the Growth of Science in America, we remain

with great Regard
Sir
your most obt. Servt.
signed by the Committee

Messr. Benezet and Paschall, the Committee appointed for making out a Second part of the Catalogue, report that they have compleated the same, and delivered it to Robert Aitkin to be printed. W.m Rawle is requested to afford his Assistance in that Business, and the Com.e desired, if possible, to have the s.d Catalogue brought up to the Libr.y by next Meeting —

The Secretary, reports that he has received and recorded the Assignment from George Noarth, to Benjamin Gibbs; But has not yet received the Assign.t from Thomas Moore to William Todd —

The Secretary not having yet procured the Proceedings of the Congress and Committee, is desired to get them by the next Meeting —

M.r Benezet, one of the Committee for examining the Acct. of Robert Aitkin reports, that the said Account has been examined by them, approved and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for the Amount thereof. That the Books sent s.d Aitkin to be bound, are all returned: And that the last Importation of Books, are entered in the Numerical Catalogue —

The Librarian, informs the Board, that the Books which he was ordered to get at the last Meeting, are sent for but not yet arrived —

The following Letter, addressed to the Directors, was read Viz.

Gentlemen Philadelphia Jan.y 9. 1775

I have sent in the Rev.d John Wesley's Name, and by his Order, the following Books, for the Library, belonging to the Library Company of Philadelphia

Notes

Notes on the New Testament on Vol: 2 quarto
An Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion 1 Vol.
Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism - - - - 2 Vols.
Fletcher's Appeal on original Sin - - - - 1 Vol.

I am Gentlemen with Esteem
yours affectionately
Thos: Rankin

The Board direct, the Secretary to desire the Letter Writer would communicate their Thanks, to Wm. Wesley for his Present, and that the Books be entered, in the numerical Catalogue —

The Revd: Richard Peters applying for permission to assign his Share to Wm: Thomas Peters, the Directors assent thereto —

The Request of Ruth Johnson, that the Directors would permit to Mark Gurnie the Use of her Share, is granted, in Case, the said Share be not forfeited —

Townsend Speakman, and William Sykes, apply for Leave to purchase Shares; the Board approve of them —

Messrs. Benezet and Allison, are requested to examine what Books in the Library want binding or repairing, and to get the same done —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of the Librarian, for £25 —

I assent to the above proceedings
Matth: Clarkson

At a Meeting of the Directors February 14th 1775

Present Matthew Clarkson — Philip Benezet
Robert S. Jones — Joseph Parker
John Kaighn — Joseph Paschall

A full Board not appearing no Business was done —

At a Meeting held March 14th 1775

Present Francis Alison
Matthew Clarkson
John Kaighn
Philip Benezet
Reynold Keen

An Oeder was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Dean for £42-4 the Amount of his Account for Book-binding with Directions to discount £10 for his Share in the Library —

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 18: 1775

Present Francis Alison
Robert Strettell Jones
Joseph Parker
Josiah Hewes
Philip Benezet
John Kaighn
Matthew Clarkson
Reynold Keen

The Committee appointed to examine Nicholas Garrisons Claim to the Share late of William Parsons deceased lay before the Board a Certificate from Timothy Horsfield Executor of the late Timothy Horsfield who was Executor of the said Parsons purporting that the said last mentioned Timothy Horsfield had in his Life time conveyed the said Share to the said Garrison for a Consideration by him received the Board being satisfied therewith direct that the said Garrison have in future the full use and Enjoyment of the said Share and that a Certificate be made out accordingly —

The Treasurer attending informs the Board that he has received the Interest Money due the Company from William Coats —

The Committee appointed for making out a second part of the Catalogue report that the same is compleated and delivered to the Librarian —

The Secretary reports that the Proceedings of the Congress and Committee are obtained and delivered to the Librarian —

The Librarian informs the Board that he has procured the tenth Volume of the Statutes at Large and placed the same in the Library —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignment from the Revd. Richard Peters to Thomas Peters, and the Receipts from the Treasurer for the purchase money for the Shares of Townsend Speakman and John Dean; but that William Sykes has not yet paid—

The Committee appointed to examine what Books in the Library wanted binding report that they had sent all they thought necessary to be bound and that the same are done and returned to the Librarian—

An Account of Robert Aitkin for printing the second Catalogue was exhibited to the Board ~~# £~~ amounting to £25:13:9 after examination an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for the Amount with Directions to discount £10 for his Share—

The Librarian produced his Account and Vouchers an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for the Ballance Viz.t £66:4—

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for £4 the Disbursements and Salary of the Secretary to this Time—

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 25.th 1775—

Present Robert Strettell Jones
Josiah Hewes
John Vaughn
Joseph Paschall
Philip Benezet

The following Letter was received from D.r Franklin—

" Messrs. Clarkson Hewes & Jones

London Febr.y 5.th 1775

Gentlemen

" I received your Favour of Dec.r 16. with the Bill
" Barclay & Mitchell on Harvey &c. for sixty Pounds which is
" carried to your Credit. I am glad my little Services have been
" acceptable and every future Opportunity of continuing them
" them will be a Pleasure to = Gentlemen = Your and the Company's
" obliged Friend = and most obedient Servant

B.n Franklin "

The Treasurer's Account being examin'd it appears there is in his Hands at this Time in Cash £254-11-10½ in Bonds &c. £900. Debts Due £90-7-7—

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 9th 1775 —

Present Francis Alison, Robert Strettell Jones, Philip Benezet, Joseph Parker, John Haighn and Ezekiel Edwards.

Joseph Finauer making Application to the Board for the Loan of £200 of the Company's Money on Mortgage Security; Messrs. Clarkson and Jones are appointed a Committee to examine the Title and make their Report at the next Meeting —

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 16th 1775

Present Philip Benezet John Haighn Ezekiel Edwards Reynold Keen Josiah Hewes Joseph Parker and Francis Alison —

The Secretary reports that the Committee appointed to examine the Title of Joseph Finauer had examined the same and were fully satisfied therewith the Board thereupon drew an Order on the Treasurer in favour of the said Finauer for the Sum of £200 —

The Secretary lays before the Board the Assignment of a Share in the Library lately made by Joseph Jones to Carpenter Wharton the Assignment of said Wharton to John Duncan and the Assigment of said Duncan to Pelatiah Webster Junr. the Board on the Request of said Webster after having considered the Matter assent to and approve of the said several Assignments and direct that they be recorded on Condition that the Arrearages be paid up —

Joseph Peters' Est., John Webb, Daniel Wister and Boyer Brooks, not having paid their respective annual Payments for the Year 1774 the Board decree their Shares forfeited —

John Mitchell applies for the Approbation of the Board and their permission to purchase the Share of John Marignault which is granted him —

The Account of the late Treasurer Joseph Kilbourn being re-examined it appears that since the last Settlement he has received the further Sum of £25 of Robert Bell for one Years Rent and the Sum of £60.10 in annual Payments which Sums together with the Money in his Hands at the last Settlement amounting in the whole to £348.1.10½ he is directed to pay into the Hands of Samuel Sansom the present Treasurer and deliver at the same time the Bond & Mortgage and

and other Papers of the Library which are now in his Possession

The present Treasurer gave a Bond with £1000 penalty for the faithful Discharge of his Trust —

The Secretary is directed to wait on the President of the Continental Congress with a Copy of the following Minute —

The Librarian is directed to furnish the several Members of the said Congress with whatever Books they may respectively apply for during their present Session taking Receipts for such Books as he may deliver out —

At a Meeting of the Directors held June 13th 1775 —

Present Messrs Francis Allison, Matthew Clarkson, Philip Benezet, Josiah Hewes, John Kaighn and Ezekiel Edwards and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Treasurer acknowledges the Reciept of three hundred and forty eight pounds one Shilling and ten pence ½ the Cash in the late Treasurer's hands at the last meeting and the Books and Papers mentioned in a Receipt filed by the Secretary among the Library Papers —

The Secretary reports that he has not yet rec: the Assignment Marcignault to Mitchell —

At a Meeting of the Directors held July 18th 1775 —

Present Robert S. Jones, Philip Benezet, Joseph Parker, Joseph Paschall and Ezekiel Edwards and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Directors present drew and signed an Order on the Treasurer in favour of the Librarian for £20 in part of his Salary; at the same time directing the Librarian to procure so many of the absent Directors to sign it as together with those present would constitute a Board

At a Meeting of the Directors held August 8. 1775 —

Present Philip Benezet Joseph Parker and Joseph Paschall

An Order was drawn by the Directors present on the Treasurer for £11 : 15 in favour of John Dean in full of his Account against the Company for Bookbinding —

At a Meeting of the Directors held September 12th. 1775 —

Mr. William Logan having in the Name and by the Direction of Doctor Fothergill presented the Library with a silver Medal representing on the Face a striking Likeness of William Penn the worthy Founder of this Province Legend "William Penn. B 1644. D. 1718" and on the Reverse William Penn shaking hands with an Indian Legend "By Deeds of Peace Pennsylvania Settled 1681" The Board request Mr. Logan will be pleased to communicate their Thanks to the Doctor for his truly valuable present —

Ordered that the Secretary furnish Mr. Logan with a Copy of the aforegoing Minute ——

At a Meeting of the Directors held October 10th. 1775 —

Present Francis Alison John Kaighn Joseph Paschall Reynold Keen Philip Benezet and Josiah Hewes

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignment from John De Maurignault to John Mitchell —

Mary Scull applies for leave to purchase the Share of Anthony Shoemaker which is permitted —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Librarian for twenty Pounds —

At a Meeting of the Directors held November 14th. 1775

Present John Kaighn Ezekiel Edwards Josiah Hewes Joseph Paschall and Philip Benezet —

Joseph Feree applies for leave to purchase the Share of Isaac Stroud which is permitted —

Samuel Lobdill applies for permission to purchase the Share of Daniel Montgomery which is assented to —

Monsieur Dumas having presented the Library with a very late Edition of Vattel's Law of Nature and Nations Ses Freinds the Board direct the Secretary to return that Gentleman their Thanks —

At a Meeting of the Directors held December 12th: 1775

Present Francis Allison Robert S: Jones John Kaighn Joseph Paschall and Ezekiel Edwards —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Asignment Isaac Stroud to Joseph Fearce; but has not yet received the Asignments Anthony Shoemaker to Mary Scull or Daniel Montgomery to Samuel Lobdill —

John Britton applies for permission to purchase the Share of Thomas Nevil which is granted —

At a Meeting of the Directors held January 9th: 1776 —

Present Josiah Hewes John Kaighn Joseph Paschall Philip Benezet and Ezekiel Edwards —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Asignment from Job Pearson to Benjamin Poultney; but has not yet received the Asignments Anthony Shoemaker to Mary Scull & Daniel Montgomery to Samuel Lobdill or Thomas Nevil to John Britton —

Joseph Potts applies for Leave to purchase the Share of John Potts; permitted —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Bringhurst for £3 - 19 - 6 the Amount of his Acct: —

At a Meeting of the Directors held February 8th: 1776 —

Present Francis Allison, Robert Shettell Jones, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall John Kaighn and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Asignments Daniel Montgomery to Samuel Lobdill John Potts to Joseph Potts and Thomas Nevil to John Britton; but has not received the Asignment of Anthony Shoemaker to Mary Scull —

Dr. Richard Farmar applies for leave to have a Reasignment made to him of the Share lately asigned by him to Peter Campbell — Granted —

Messrs. Allison Jones and Kaighn are appointed to examine the Catalogue of the Books late of Thomas Preston deceased and to purchase at the Auction thereof such as are not already in the Library and they shall think proper —

At a Meeting of the Directors held March 12th 1776

Present Francis Alison, Robert S. Jones, John Kaighn, Philip Benezet
Joseph Paschall and Ezekiel Edwards—

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Asign.t from Peter Campbell to Dr. Richard Farmar but has not yet rec.d the Asignm.t Anthony Shoemaker to Mary Scull

Mess.rs Alison Jones and Kaighn the Committee appointed to purchase Books at the Auction of Thomas Preston's Library report that they have bought to the Amount of £14 .. S.s 3 for which Sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer—See the List of the Books and Prices in the Book of Library Accounts—

Peter Chevalier applies for leave to purchase the Share of Richard Amit—granted—

Ordered that there be a special Meeting of the Board on Monday next. of which the Secretary is to give Notice—

At a Special Meeting held in pursuance of the above Order on Monday March 18. 1776.

Present Francis Alison John Kaighn Reynold Keen Joseph Paschall Philip Benezet and Ezekiel Edwards—

Abraham Markoe applies for the Approbation of the Board to become a Member-granted—

David Deshler applies for permission to purchase the Share of William Bedford-granted—

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Asignment Richard Amitt to Peter Chevalier; but has not yet received the Asignement Shoemaker to Scull—

The Account of Robert Aitkin for Books Binding &c. to the Amount of £14.12 was exhibited to the Board and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for that Sum—

The Directors present having the Assent of Mr. Jones to whatever they might conclude on relative to the purchasing a Philosophical Apparatus offered them by Andrew Sotteagge to take a part thereof Viz.t a Barometer Cylinder Thermometer Hygrometer a Sextant and the Optical part of the Apparatus at the Price of £66 .. 5—for which Sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer—

I agree to the Minutes of the Proceedings entered on this Page—

R. Walter Jones

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 9. 1776—

Present Francis Alison John Kaighn Philip Benezet Ezekiel Edwards and Josiah Hewes Directors and Samuel Sansom Treasurer—

The Secretary reports that he has not yet received the Assignments William Bedford to David Deshler or Anthony Shoemaker to Mary Scull—

Joseph Whitecall applies for leave to purchase the Share of John De Maugnault which he purchased of John Armit granted.

The Account of Francis Daymon Librarian was laid before the Board amounting to £90.11 and an Order drawn for that Sum on the Treasurer—

Ordered that there be a special Meeting of the Directors held the twenty ninth Inst: of which the Secretary is to give Notice—

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 29. 1776—

Present John Kaighn Josiah Hewes Joseph Parker Ezekiel Edwards and Joseph Paschall and Samuel Sansom Treasurer—

Thomas Barclay applies for leave to purchase the Share late of Adam Hoops deceased - granted—

The Directors approve of the Assignment made from John Armitt to John De Maunignault dated the eighth Day of May 1773 and direct the same to be recorded—

The Treasurer's Account being examined it appears there is in his Hands at this Time in Cash £113..1..3 p. Bonds &c £1100— Outstanding Debts £97..17..7—

The Secretary reports that he has not yet received the Assignments Bedford to Deshler, Shoemaker to Scull or De Maugnault to Whitecall—

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for £6..7..6 the Amount of the Secretary's Account brought in this Day—

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 7. 1776—

Present Francis Alison Robert S. Jones Josiah Hewes John Naughton Ezekiel Edwards Mordecai Lewis Joseph Paschall Isaac Bartram and Joseph Stansbury—

The Board continue Francis Daymon Librarian and Andrew Robeson Secretary for the ensuing Year—

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Asignments John Armitt to John De Mauriguault and William Bedford to David Deshler; but has not yet received the Asignments Shoemaker to Scull De Mauriguault to Whitcall Hoops' Exr. to Barclay or Duncan to Webster—

The Board agree to accept 30/ in lieu of Arrearages of Fines due on the Share of Joseph Jones (which was paid immediately to the Librarian) and direct that the several Asignments mentioned in the Minute of May 16. 1775 be recorded on the yearly Payments now due being satisfied—

Thomas Bond Junr. applies for Leave to purchase the Share late of Evan Morgan deceased. granted—

Tench Francis applies for leave to asign his Share to Turbut Francis granted—

Jonathan Evans applies for Permission to transfer his Share to Joel Evans-assented to—

Robert Haddock applies for leave to take an Asignment of the Share late of Eden Haddock deceased-granted—

The Board agree to take the following Books offered them by Lewis Nichola Viz.t Linnæ Systema Naturæ, & Flora Virginica at 35/ Sterling for which Sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer—£2-16-0 Currency—

The Board direct the following Advertisement be inserted in the Pennsylvania Gazzette, Journal, Packet, Ledger and Evening Post. Viz.t "The Members of the "Library Company of Philadelphia are requested "to attend at the Library Room on Thursday the "thirtieth Day of May Inst: at two o'Clock in the "Afternoon In Order to consider of the Propriety of empowering

" the Directors to remove the Books and Effects of the Company
" and determine on the place where they shall be deposited
" in case any future Event should render that Measure
" necessary" and that printed Notices of the Meeting be left
at the House of each Member on the Morning of that Day—

At a General Meeting of the Members of the Library Company at the Library Room, on Thursday the thirtieth Day of May 1776, in pursuance of the foregoing Advertisement—

Present Francis Alison, Jacob Duché, Mordecai Lewis, Joseph Pashall, Robert Strettel Jones, Charles Stanton, Joel Evans, Benjamin Davies Mercht.' Ezekiel Edwards, James Young, Adam Clampffer, Josiah Hewes, Andrew Bunner, Samuel Beetle, Joseph Bolton, Amos Wickersham, Joshua Humphreys, John Baily, Paul Cooke, Thomas Morris, Samuel Massey, Samuel Wheeler, Edward Bonsal, Joseph Cannon, John Kaighn and Isaac Bartram — The Number of Members met, not being competent to the passing of a Law; It was agreed to adjourn untill Thursday the sixth Day of June next, at two o'Clock in the afternoon, at the Library Room — Which Adjournment, the Secretary is ordered to give Notice, by inserting an Advertizement thereof, in the Pennsylvania Packet, Gazzette, Journal, Ledger and Evening Post; requesting the Members to appear at the Time and Place aforesaid, either in Person, or by Proxy, to determine on the propriety of impowering the Directors to remove the Books and Effects of the said Company, and to pass a Law investing them with such Power, in case it shall be judged necessary —

At a general Meeting of the Members held at the Library Room on Thursday the sixth Day of June in pursuance of the Notice directed to be given in the preceding Minute The Number attending in Person and by Proxy not being sufficient No Business was done —

At a Meeting of the Directors held June 11th 1776 —
Present Francis Alison Josiah Hawes Joseph Paschall
Joseph Stansbury Mordecai Lewis and Ezekiel Edwards —

James Ash applies for Leave to purchase the Share of Samuel Fairlamb Tench Cox that of William Coxe Tench Tilghman that late of John Relfe deceased Francis Daymon that of Lindsay Coats and John Challonce that of Joseph Fillbourn to all which Applications the Board assented —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignments De Mauvignault to Whitcale, Duncan to Webster and Jonathan Evans to Joel Evans but has not yet received the Assignments Shoemaker to Scull Hoop's Ex.r to Barclay Morgan's Ex.r to Thomas Bond Tench Francis to Turbut Francis or the Ex.rs of Eden Haddock to Robert Haddock —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Librarian for £10 for two Months Salary to the fifteenth of June Inst.: —

At a Meeting of the Directors held July 9. 776

Only two Directors being present Viz.t Joseph Stansbury and Joseph Paschall no business was done —

At a Meeting of the Directors held August 14. 776 —

Present Josiah Hawes Isaac Bartram Mordecai Lewis and Joseph Paschall —

The Directors present approve of the Assignment of the Share of Jesse Jacobs to David Rittenhouse and direct the same to be recorded —

The Request of Hellary Baker to assign the Share of the late Benjamin Trapnell to Henry Drinker is granted

Richard Adams applies to purchase a Share approved —

The Account of Samuel Taylor to the Amount of £4.7 for book-binding was examined and an Order drawn for that Sum on the Treasurer —

An Order in favour of Francis Daymon Librarian for thirty one pounds and twelve Shillings was drawn on the Treasurer. NB £16..12 of the Sum for Monies laid out for the Library and £15 for his Salary to the fifteenth Day of September next —

The Secretary produced an Account of £3..5 paid for the Company for which an Order was drawn in his favour on the Treasurer —

Robert Bell applies for a Diminution of his Rent

At a Meeting of the Directors held September 10th 1776 — 128
Present Josiah Hewes Joseph Stansbury and Mordecai Lewis — No Business was done

At a Meeting of the Directors held October 8th 1776 —

Present Francis Alison Mordecai Lewis Isaac Bartram Josiah Hewes and Joseph Paschall and Samuel Sanson Treas.r
The Number of Directors present not being sufficient to constitute a Board no Business was done —

At a Meeting of the Directors held November 12th 1776 —

Present Francis Alison, Robert S. Jones, Joseph Parker, Joseph Paschall, Mordecai Lewis Isaac Bartram and Joseph Stansbury —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignments Benjamin Trapnall's Admr. to Henry Drinker — Jesse Jacobs to David Rittenhouse Joseph Wilson to John Challoner and also the Receipt of the Treasurer for the purchase Money of Richard Adam's Share —

The Board taking into Consideration the Application of Robert Ball for lowering his Rent direct that the said Rent be reduced to the Sum of £20 p Ann.m to take Effect from the beginning of last Quarter —

The Secretary reports that he hath not yet received the Assignments Sim.l Faulamb to James Ash — William Coxe to Tench Coxe, John Rolfes Exr. to Tench Tilghman, Lindsay Coats to Francis Daymon, Anthony Shoemaker to Mary Scull, Adam Hoops Exr. to Thomas Barclay, Evan Morgan's Exrs to Thomas Bond, Jones Francis to Turbut Francis a Eden Haddock's Exr. to Robert Haddock —

At a Meeting of the Directors called on the Tenth Day of December 1776
Mr. Isaac Bartram only attending no Business was done —

NB. No Meetings were called or held in the Months of January or February —

At a Meeting of the Directors held on the eleventh Day of March 1777
Present Francis Alison Robert S. Jones Josiah Hewes Joseph Stansbury John Knaphin and Ezekiel Edwards Directors and Samuel Sanson Treasurer

The Secretary reports as to the receiving and recording the Assignments of Shares as he had reported at the Meeting held November 12th 1776 —

Messrs. Alison, Jones and Hewes are appointed a Committee to wait on General Gates Commanding Officer in this City in Order to procure if possible an Order for the Removal of the sick Soldiers from the Library —

The Secretary is ordered to insert the following Advertisement in the Pennsylvania Gazzette, Packet and Evening Post—

" The Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia are
"hereby notified that Books may be procured from the said Library
" by Application at the House of the Librarian on the South Side
" of Market Street four Doors below Fourth Street between the Hours
" of five and seven in the Afternoon of every Day and leaving a
" signed Note for such Books as they may respectively Want
" The lower Part of the Library being at present used as an
" Infirmary for the sick Soldiery renders it inconvenient for
" the Librarian to attend at the Library Room as usual—
" Those Members who have had Books out beyond the Time
" limitted in their Notes are earnestly requested to Return
" them without further Delay"— By Order of the Directors &c:

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in Favours of John Dean for the Sum of £1-13-6 the Amount of his Account—

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Librarian for £30 being in full for his Salary to the 15th Inst:—

The Revd: William White applying for Leave to purchase the Share late of William Coleman Esqr: deceased from the Exrs: of the said Coleman's Estate the same is permitted—

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 15th 1777—

Present Francis Alison John Kaighn Joseph Paschall Ezekiel Edwards and Joseph Stansbury— No Business was done there not being a Number sufficient to constitute a Board—

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 1st 1777—

Present Josiah Howes Robert S. Jones Joseph Paschall Joseph Stansbury and Ezekiel Edwards Directors and Samuel Sansom Treasurer

The Treasurer's Account being examined it appears there is in his Hands at this Day in Money £253-19-7½ & Bonds &c. to the Amount of £1100 The outstanding Debts amount to £160-17-7½—

At an Election held May 5th 1777 — Francis Alison — Robert Strettell Jones John Kaighn Joseph Paschall Josiah Howes Joseph Stansbury Ezekiel Edwards Samuel Shaw Benjamin Poultney and Thomas Morris were elected Directors and Samuel Sansom was elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year — See Election Book—

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 13th: 1777 —

Present Francis Alison, Robert Strettell Jones, Josiah Howes, Joseph Paschall, Joseph Stansbury, Thomas Morris and Benjamin Poultney Director and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Directors reelected Andrew Robeson their Secretary, and Francis Daymon to be Librarian for the ensuing Year — And the said Librarian agreed to attend the Library from the Hour of three to seven in the Afternoon of every Day from the tenth of October to the tenth of April and from four till seven the rest of the Year at his present Yearly Salary of £60 — And it was further agreed that the further Sum of £6 should be allowed him yearly in Lieu of all Charges for cleansing the Rooms Books Shelves &c —

The Secretary reports he has received and recorded the Assignment from the Executors of William Coleman to the Rev: William White and the Receipt for the purchase Money of William Sykes's Share — But hath not yet received the Assignments Samuel Fairlamb to James Ash, William Coxe to Tench Coxe, John Reiss's Exec: to Tench Tilghman, Lindsay Coats to Francis Daymon, Anthony Shoemaker to Mary Seide, Adam Hoops Ex: to Thomas Barclay, Evan Morgan's Ex: to Thomas Bond, Tench Francis to Tunbut Francis, Eden Haddock's Ex: to Robert Haddock & Thomas Moore to William Todd —

Carpenter Wharton and John Eldridge applied for Leave to purchase Shares and be admitted Member which the Board assented —

James Carter exhibited to the Board a Copy of the Will of Patrick Tommins dec: whereby it appeared that the said Tommins had bequeathed his Share to said Carter — The Board agreed to admit the said Carter a Member and ordered the Secretary to make a proper Entry thereof and enter Copy of the said Bequest in the Book of Records —

The Librarian produced his Account by which it appeared there was a Ballance of £36-19-8 due him for Disbursements this Salary to the fifteenth of April last and an Order was Drawn on the Treasurer for that Sum —

The Secretary exhibiting his Account and Order was Drawn on the Treasurer for the Amount £10-8-6 being for Disbursements and Salary to the seventh Inst.

Robert Haydocks Account for Work Done for the Company amounting to £7-2 -6 was produced Passed and an order drawn on the Treasurer for that Sum —

Messrs: Jones, Howes, Morris & Sansom are appointed a Committee to dispose of the Monies at present in the Treasurers Hands either by placing the same at Interest or Laying it out in Real Estate —

At a Special Meeting of the Directors held May 21st 1777—

Present Robert S: Jones, Josiah Hewes, John Kaighn, Joseph Stansbury Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney and Samuel Shaw—and Samuel Sansom Treasurer—

The Treasurer informing the Board that Joseph Finances had offered to pay the Principal and Interest Monies due from him to the Company Messrs Jones Hewes and Kaighn are appointed a Committee to endeavour to prevail on Finances to keep the Monies upon such Terms as they shall think best for the Company—if Finances is determined to pay in the Monies that the said Committee confer with other Corporate Bodies in this City as to the receiving or refusing Monies tendred—and if upon the said Conference it shall appear to the said Committee or any two of them that this Board is bound to receive the Monies so as aforesaid Resolved that they receive the same and deliver the said Finances his Deed Mortgage and Bond and place the said Monies in the Hands of the Treasurer—

At a Meeting of the Directors held June 10th 1777

Present Francis Alison, Robert S: Jones, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Stansbury and Thomas Morris Directors and Samuel Sansom Treasurer—

Charles Eddy applied to be admitted a Member the Directors assented—

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for £11 the Amount of Robert Aitkin's Account—

Thomas Lieper applied for Leave to purchase Robert Aitkin's Share to which the Directors assented—

The present Librarian refusing to serve any longer Messrs Jones and Hewes are appointed a Committee to endeavour to procure another Librarian on the same Terms the Board agreed upon with the present Librarian mentioned in the Minutes of May 13th—

At a Meeting of the Directors held June 27th. 1777—

Present Messrs. Alison Hewes Stansbury Morris and Poultney—

Samuel Lobdill applied to the Board and offered his Service as Librarian the Directors present approved of Mr. Lobdill and agreed with the Consent of Messrs. Jones and Shaw to appoint him Librarian Messrs. Jones and Shaw on Notice thereof by the Secretary the same Evening approved of the said Appointment—

Messrs. Stansbury and Poultney are appointed a Committee to compare the Books &c. with the Catalogue and make their Report at the next Meeting of the Board—

At a Meeting of the Directors held July 8th. 1777—

Present Francis Alison, Robert S. Jones, Joseph Stansbury, Thomas Morris and Samuel Shaw—

The Secretary is directed to call on Mr. Robert Bell for a List of the Books delivered him to be sold for the Library Company—

The Board taking into Consideration the Minute of August 31st. 1774 relative to the furnishing the Gentlemen of Congress with such Books as they might have occasion for and Doubts having arisen as to the Meaning thereof direct that in future such Books only be delivered under that Minute as may be requested by the Congress as a Body or a Committee thereof—

John Nancarrow and Isaac Greentree applying to purchase Shares and be admitted Members the Board assented thereto—

James Stuart having purchased the Share of John Musgatroyd applied to be admitted a Member to which the Board agreed

Messrs. Jones Stansbury Poultney and Morris are appointed a Committee to examine the Catalogue with the Books &c. in the Library to take proper Security from the new Librarian on his signing the Catalogue and to employ Workmen to put up Shelves for Books in the Entry—

At a Meeting of the Directors held August 12th. 1777—

Present Francis Alison, Robert S. Jones, Joseph Pawchall, Joseph Stansbury, Thomas Morris, Samuel Shaw and Benjamin Poultney—

Doctor John Redman, Mark Freeman, Thomas Pike, Peter Miller, Benjamin Towne, Cadwalader Evans and William Clark applied for leave to purchase Shares and be admitted Members to which the Board assented—

An Extract from the Will of the Honorable William Logan Esq.r late of this City was laid before the Board by which it appeared that he had bequeathed to the Library Company a very considerable Collection of ancient Authors which had been accordingly delivered to the Librarian — The Board direct the Secretary to wait on M.r James Logan one of the Executors of the said Will with a Copy of this Minute and to signify to him on the part of the Board that they have a very high Sense of the Benefit derived to the Company from this truly valuable Donation —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Receipts for the Purchase Money of the Shares of Carpenter Wharton John Eldridge Charles Eddy John Nancarrow and Isaac Gruentzweig and also the Assignment from William Dilwyn to James Logan and made a proper Minute of the Bequest of Patrick Tommins Share to James Carter; but that he hath not received the Assignments Samuel Fairlamb to James Cox & William Coxe to Tench Coxe John Relfe's Executors to Tench Tilghman, Lindsay Coats to Francis Daymon Anthony Rockmaker to Mary Smith Adam Hoops' Ex.rs to Thomas Barclay Evan Morgan's Ex.rs to Thomas Bond Jun.r Tenchs Francis to Turbut Francis Eden Haddocks' Ex.rs to Robert Haddock Thomas Moore to William Todd Robert Aitkin to Thomas Lepier or John Mungatwy to James Stuart —

The Committee appointed to settle the Librarian's Account M.r not having compleated that Business are continued —

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 14th October 1777 —

Present Josiah Hewes, Benjamin Poultney, Thomas Morris, Joseph Paschall, Joseph Stansbury

The Secretary being at present out of town, the Minute of the 12th August cannot be properly settled.

The Committee appointed to settle the Librarian's Accounts, not having compleated the business, owing to the troubles of the times, are further continued.

The Librarian is directed to take the several Newspapers published in this City; to compleat our Collection of Political Pamphlets to this time and add those which may hereafter be published here, on account of the Library.

Robert Proud having presented to the Library a neat Latin edition of Barclay's Apology. Joseph Paschall is requested to return him the thanks of the Directors for the said Present.

At a Meeting of the Directors held 4th March 1778.

Present. Josiah Hewes, Robert Strettel Jones, Joseph Paschall, Joseph Stansbury

The former Minutes not being answer'd are refered to the next Meeting

James Newport applying to be admitted a Member of this Compy. is approved of, and admitted on his paying to the Treasurer Ten Pounds and taking his Receipt for it, is to have a Certificate made out when the Clerk returns, or a new one is appointed.

At a Meeting of the Directors held 17th April 1778.

Present. Josiah Hewes, Samuel Shaw, Benjamin Poultney, Joseph Paschall, Samuel Sansom

The Committee on the Library Accounts, as p Minute of July 8. 1777. not having compleated the Business are continued.

The Treasurer produced a ~~Memorandum~~ Measurement of Carpenters Work done by Thomas Bowen for the Company, sign'd by John Thornhill and Abraham Carlisle, & valued by them at One hundred and ten Pounds, with measuring & valuing Three Pounds Six shillings, dated Novem^{r} 3. 1777; which is delivered to Benjamin Poultney.

By the Minute of August 12th 1777 it appears there are several Assignments not received, they are therefore refered to future Notice.

Joseph Cruikshanks having presented the Company with sundry Papers of the Journals of the State of Pennsylvania & New Jersey, the Directors desire Joseph Paschall to return him their thanks for them.

Adjourned to the 28th Instant 6 Oclock in the Evening of which the Clerk is desired to give Notice.

At a Meeting of the Directors held 28 April 1778.

Present. Robert S. Jones, Joseph Paschall, Thomas Morris, Samuel Sansom, Benjamin Poultney, Joseph Stansbury.

The Committee appointed to settle Francis Daymon the late Librarians account report the following Books, Viz.

Octavo

8vo	74.	London Magazine for 1748.	
	227.	Pamphlets.	returned 19 Janry 1779.
	292.	Annual Register for 1758.	
	181.	Art of Logic	
	483.	Smolletts Continuation	1 Vol. N.B. returnd 4 May.
	792.	Cockburne's Voyages.	
	138.	History of the late War	2 Vol.

Duodecimo

	255.	Polnitz' Memoirs	1 Vol.
	308.	Citizen of y^e World	1 Vol.
	321.	Addison's Works	2 Vol.
	359.	Narrative Companion	1 Vol.
	595.	Beauties of Nature	7 & 9 Vol.

634. Tissot's L'Onanisme; to be missing, for which he can give no satisfactory account. And that the Books contained in his List from page 7 to 11. Viz.

Octavo

8vo	995.	Conradi Apothegmata	
	15.	Cæsar's Commentaries.	

Duodecimo

12mo	272.	Clarissa	8 Volumes.
	253.	Grandison	7. do
	132.	Tom Jones	7. do
	347.	Pamela	7. do
	213.	Henriella	2 do
	121.	Belinda Courtney	2. do
	570.	Peregrine Pickle	4 do
	276.	Stage Coach	2 do
	271.	The Brothers	2 do
	407.	Count Fathom	2 do

Duodecimo

12mo	248.	Modern Advent.	1. Volume
	78.	Robinson Crusoe	2. do
	9.	Memoirs of a Protestant	2 do
	91.	Vicar of Wakefield	2 do
	41.	Prussian Campaign	1. do
	531.	Roscommons Poems	1. do
	17.	Catalogue of Noble Authors	1 do.

The noted as sold by F. D. both Volumes are now in y^e Library.

	100.	Antonia	1 Volume
	563.	David Simple	1. do
	503.	Exercises	1. do
	85.	Charles Beaufort	1. do
	391.	Amelia	4 do

Duodecimo

323.	Ladies Library (the 2d & 3d Volumes are yet in the Library)	1	Volume.
244.	Agreeable Uglineſs	1	do
263.	Illustrious Unfortunate	3	do
214.	Contin~ Letters by Turkish Spy		
581.	English Theatre	2	do
523. 524.	Gil Blas	7	do
363.	Case of James Annesley	1	do
120.	Cleanthes & Semanthes	2	do
83.	Sophia	2	do
319.	Hiſtʸ Charles ye 12th	1	do
555.	Bamfield M. Carew	1	do
	The best Match	1	do
	Treatise on ye Sacrament	1	do

Duodecimo

124.	Boyle's Voyages	1	Volume
246.	World under ground	1	do
130.	Popes Miſtellanies	1	do
523.	Gil Blas (the third)	1	do
453.	Heathen Gods	1	do
88.	George Ellison	2	do
363.	Memoirs unfort Nobleman	1	do
119.	Count Phillips	3	do
56.	Naval History	1	do
287.	Felicia to Charlotte	2	do
550.	Harris's Trigonometry	1	do
544.	Swifts Works		
	Letters	1	do
	Confeſsion of Faith	1	do

are ſaid to be sold for 52ſ and that the following Books were ſold for. Viz^t

№ 28.	Marmontels Tales	Vol 1st	paid for by	Christopher Ludwick
101.	Sidney Biddulph	Vol 3 & 4th	do	John Mitchell
109.	Hiſtʸ of Louisiania	Vol 1	do	Edmund Physick
559.	Juliette Mandeville		do	William Wistar
464.	Reformed Magdalen		do	William Crispin
576	Fool of Quality	1	do	Sharpe Delaney
1124.	Saxe's Memoirs		do	Mr Warner
474.	Universal Magazine for 1770		do	Mr Sims

for which it does not appear that he hath yet accounted, unleſs a Memorandum Book kept by said Daymon, and referred to by the Secretary in his acco, which is somehow at present mislaid, can throw Light upon those Articles.

The Treasurer produced his Account, from which it appears that there remains of Cash in his hands £ 13. 11. 5 ½

Bonds	900. 0. 0	
Outstand Debts	244. 17. 7	
		£ 1158. 9. 0 ½

May 4th 1778 Robert Morris having paid the Annual Payment of John Biddle requests Joseph Eve may be indulged with using the Share and engages to be answerable for any Fines or Payments the said Joseph Eve may incur agreeable to the Laws of the Library — Signed — Robert Morris — The Directors agree to the Request of Robert Morris —

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 13th 1778 —

Present Joseph Stansbury, James Logan, Joseph Paschall, John Nancarrow, Thomas Parke, Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney Robert Riddle Jones Samuel Shaw and Josiah Hawes Directors and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

Mr. Stansbury delivered a Letter from James Rivington of New York to Mr. Samuel Burling who was so obliging as to forward to him an Order for Books at the Request of the Directors with an Invoice of the Amount of the same being £6-4- the Letter is as follows —

Mr. Samuel Burling — New York May 1. 1778

Dear Sir — I have sent you all the Books (to be procured at present in this place) of the several contained in your List —

Please to intimate to the Gentleman that, on the Arrival of the first Vessels from London several others, the Periodical Matters included, shall be forwarded; and that I will secure the whole of their Catalogue as soon as possible. I rejoice in your Health and prosperity and I am — your much obliged and obedient Servant — James Rivington

Directed — Mr. Sam. Burling — Mercht. at the Coffee house Philadelphia

The Books sent for by Mr. Burling as follows ~~Lord~~ Chesterfield's Posthumous Works, Robertson's America, Jenning's Inquiry Watson's Philip 2d., Wynne's America, Man of the World, and Subsequent Volume of Cook's Voyages if published — besides those necessary for completing our periodical Sets —

Andrew Robeson was chosen Secretary for the ensuing Year and Samuel Lobdill Librarian —

The Committee appointed last Year to settle the Account of Francis Daymon the late Librarian having made some Progress in that Business but not completed it Messrs. Hawes Stansbury Logan Jones and Paschall are appointed to adjust and settle the same by the next meeting —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Saml. Burling for £6-4- on account of Books by him imported from New York —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Librarian for £30 in part of his Salary —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Isaac Greentree for Candles amt 7: to £6-11-11 —

Doctor Parke and Mr. Jones are appointed a Committee to make out a Catalogue of the Books presented to the Library by the late William Logan Esquire of this City —

At a Meeting of the Directors held July 21st: 1778 —

Present James Logan Joseph Paschall, Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney, Samuel Shaw, Joseph Stansbury and Josiah Hewes —

The Committee appointed to settle Francis Daymon's Acct: not having compleated that Business are continued further —

Thomas Pike having impowered Joseph Stansbury to transfer his Share in the Library to Samuel Murdoch of this City the said Instrument of Writing is deposited in the Hands of the Librarian

Thomas West Ezra Jones and Thomas Howard having applied for leave to purchase Shares are approved of —

At a Meeting of the Directors held August 19th 1778 —

Present Jams Logan Joseph Paschall Dr. Thomas Parke Benjamin Poultney Samuel Shaw Joseph Stansbury and Josiah Hewes —

The Committee appointed to settle Francis Daymon's Account not having compleated that Business are continued —

The Secretary reports that he has recorded the Treasurer's Receipts for the purchase Money of Ezra Jones' Share but has not received the Receipts for those of Thomas West & Thomas Howard or the Instrument of transfer of Thomas Pike's Share to Samuel Murdoch —

Ordered that the Librarian give Notice to the several Assignees mentioned in the Minute of August 12th that they get their several Assignments made executed and recorded by the next Meeting —

Doctor Parke one of the Committee appointed to make out a Catalogue of the Books presented by the late Wm. Logan reports that they have made some progress but not accomplished that Business —

Atherton Humphreys and Matthew Duncan applying for leave to purchase Shares are approved of —

Messrs Logan Howes and Paschall are appointed a Committee to inquire of and receive the Rent due the Company from Robert Bell and settle what increased Rent the said Bell shall pay in future —

At a Meeting of the Directors held September 15th 1770 —

Present James Logan Robert S. Jones Benjamin Poultney, Joseph Paschall, John Nancarrow, Joseph Sansbury and Doctor Thomas Parke and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Treasurer's Receipt for the purchase Money of the Shares of Peter Miller Matthew Duncan Thomas Howard Doctor John Redman Mark Freeman, Thomas Pike Benjamin Towne and William Clark —

The Committee on Francis Daymon's Account not having compleated that Business are continued —

The Librarian informs the Board that he hath not waited on all the Assignees agreably to the Minute of the 19th Instant to attend to that Business by next Meeting —

The Committee appointed to make a Catalogue of the Books presented by the late W.m Logan report that they have not yet compleated it —

The Committee appointed to settle Robert Bell's Rent report that they have called on him & that he promised to pay up the Arrears due to the Treasurer which he hath not yet done and that they have not yet fixed the increased Rent he shall pay in future —

Thomas Morgan Richard Wells John Birchall John Evans Richard Price Thomas Shoemaker and John Vanderen applying for leave to purchase Shares are approved of —

At a Meeting of the Directors held October 20th 1770

Present Josiah Howes Joseph Paschall, Thomas Morris James Logan and Doctor Thomas Parke —

The Committee appointed to inquire into and settle the Rents due the Library report that the Treasurer has received Robert Bell's Rent in full to the first Day of October Inst. from which Day he is to pay at the Rate of forty Pounds per Annum and that they have the other Rents under Consideration —

Doctor Parke one of the Committee for making out a Catalogue of the Books lately presented the Company by Mr. Logan reports that a Sketch of that Business hath been made but that the same is not compleated whereupon the Committee is continued and Mr. Stansbury added thereto —

The Committee on Francis Daymon's Business not having compleated it are continued —

The Secretary reports that none of the Appliers for Shares mentioned in the Minutes of last Meeting have yet called for their Certificates —

At a Meeting of the Directors held November 12th 1778
Present Josiah Hewes Robert S. Jones Joseph Paschall
Benjamin Poultney Samuel Shaw Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke James Logan and John Nancarrow
and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Consideration of the Rents deferred to y^e^ next Meeting

The Committee on Mr. Logan's Books continued —

No Report being made on Francis Daymon's Business it is continued under the Care of the former Committee —

The Secretary being unable to attend he is requested to compleat the Certificates for the new Members by the next Meeting and also to make out Certificates for Jonathan Meredith, William West Son of James, Thomas Mendenhall William Beaven, Joseph Bacon and Bartholemew & Richard Wister Jr. the two last being Minors their Father Richard Wister to enter into the usual Security —

The Directors taking into consideration the high Price of Firewood Candles &c. agreed that the Library be opened during the Winter Season only upon Wednesdays and Saturdays from two o'Clock 'till eight P.M. of which publick Notice is to be given in Dunlap's Newspaper —

The Treasurer is requested to supply the Librarian with Money sufficient to defray the incidental Charges of the Library —

At a Meeting of the Directors held December 8th 1778

Present Josiah Hewes, Robert S. Jones, Joseph Paschall, Benjamin Poultney James Logan, Thomas Morris and John Nancarrow —

The Committees appointed for settling the Rents, Daymon's Accounts &c on Mr. Logan's Books are continued —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Receipts for the Purchase Money of the Shares of Richard Wells, John Birchall Richard Price, Thomas Shoemaker, John Vanderen, William West, Thomas Mendenhall, William Beaven, and Joseph Bacon but has not yet rec'd those of Ashton Humphreys, Thomas West James Nasport, Thomas Morgan John Evans Jonathan Meredith Bartholemew Wistar or Richard Wister Jun'r —

The present Librarian finding it inconvenient to continue longer in that Post John Todd offered himself to the Directors on the same Terms the present Librarian serves — The Board approve of Mr. Todd & he agrees to enter immediately on the Duties of the Post The Books &c to continue at the Risk of Mr. Logan until an Account be Taken of them between himself and Mr. Todd and Security be entered by the latter with the Treasurer —

George Ross, James Wilson Alexander Wilcocks and Mahlon Fisher Esq'r George Guest Joseph Copperthwaite Samuel Copperthwaite and George Ashton applied to be admitted Members and were approved of —

At a Meeting of the Directors held January 12th 1779 —

Present Robert S. Jones, Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Benjamin Poultney, Samuel Shaw, D'r Thomas Parke and James Logan Director and Samuel Sansom Treasurer

The Committee for settling the Rents, Daymon's Accounts &c on Mr. Logan's Books are continued — on Account of the Absence of some of the Directors appointed on those Committees —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Receipts for the Purchase Money of the Shares of George Ross & James Wilson and Mahlon Fisher Esquires and of Samuel Copperthwaite Joseph Copperthwaite Thomas West and Bartholemew and Richard Wister Jun'r but hath not yet received those of Ashton Humphreys James Nasport Thomas Morgan John Evans Jonathan Meredith George Ashton & George Guest —

The Board agree to purchase a general Letter of Mr. Logan for one half Share for which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer —

John Todd agrees to serve as Librarian for six Months certain to be accounted from this Day at the Rate of £100 P Annum and is also to be entitled to a Share and be admitted a Member immediately —

Joseph Paschall Robert Strettle Jones and Benjamin Poultney are appointed a Committee to examine with the late Librarian the Books in the Library with the Catalogue to examine and settle his Account and take Security of the present Librarian for the faithful Discharge of his Trust —

Mr. Owen Biddle this Evening presented the Company with two Tracts by the late Mr. Lewis Evans —

Mr. Jones laid before the Board a Paper subscribed by fifty one Members which being read is as follows —

" To the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia —

Gentlemen

Being informed that Applications are frequently made for Admission of New Members on the Terms settled some Years ago Viz: On payment of ten Pounds which in the present State of Things We do not conceive to be a sufficient Consideration for Admission to a Share of the Company's Stock and Effects —

We therefore the Subscribers (being Members of the Company) do request you will be pleased to call a general Meeting of the Company to take the Premises into Consideration and settle the Terms of Admission — And that in the meantime no new Member may be admitted — We are with Respect

Gentlemen

your assured Friends

(Signed by 51 Members)

Philad: Jan: 9th 1779 —

The Board taking the same into Consideration ordered the following Advertisement to be published in Dunlap's Paper —

A Number of the Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia having applied to the Board of Directors to call a general Meeting of the Company to consider of the Propriety of raising the Price of a Share in the said Library &c The Members of the said Company are therefore hereby requested to appear in Person or by Proxy at the Library Room on Thursday the 25th Day of February next at two o'Clock in the Afternoon to consider of the Premises and pass a Law impowering the Board to raise the Price of Shares if it shall be judged expedient —

At a Meeting of the Company held pursuant to publick Notice February 6th 1779 A sufficient Number of Members for enacting a Law not attending those present drew up and signed a paper declaring their Sentiments which see on File —

At a Meeting of the Directors held February 9th 1779

Present Messrs Jones, Hewes, Paschall, Stansbury, Poultney Parke and Nancarrow —

The Secretary reports that he made out and recorded a Certificate for the Share given the Librarian John Todd and also received and recorded the Certificates of the Receipt of the purchase Monies for the Shares of James Newport John Evans George Guest George Asheton and Samuel Leacock Jonathan Meredith & Alexander Wilcocks —

The Committees on Daymon's Account and the Rents are continued

The Committee appointed to make out a fair Catalogue of the Books presented by the late Mr Logan report that they have compleated that Business & that Books therefore in future are to be open to the Application of Members

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Account of the late Librarian (Lobdil) report that they have made a considerable progress in but not compleated that Business —

An Acct of John Drinker to the Amt of £3 and one of Evan Evans of £11-12 for Repairs of the Union Library were exhibited to the Board and Orders drawn on the Treasurer for those Sums added in the Name of Evans —

Two Copies of Muller's Treatise on Artillery were presented the Company one by Col: Samuel Mifflin, the other by Mr Charles Cist The Board desire their Thanks be given those Gentlemen for their Donations

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Librarian for £30 —

The Librarian is instructed to charge for the Hire of Books as follows to wit Folios 3/9 Quartos 2/6 Smaller Books 2/ p Week —

At a Meeting held March 9th 1779 —

Present Robert S. Jones, Josiah Hewes, Benjamin Poultney, Joseph Stansbury, Joseph Paschall, Thomas Parke, and John Nancarrow —

The Committee appointed to settle Francis Daymon's Account report that they have stated an Account from which it appears there is a Ballance of £0-14-3 due him and for which an Order was drawn on the Treasury to be delivered him by Messrs Paschall and Hewes —

The Committees appointed to settle the Rents and Mr Lobdil's Accounts are continued

The Board direct their Thanks to be given Mr John Dean for the Collection of political Pieces called Bavatarianna presented by him and to Mr Charles for the Pamphlet entitled Observations on the American Revolution presented by him to the Library —

Major Genl. Mifflin having presented the Company with a handsome Edition of Prevoots Collection of Voyages in 18 Vols. Quarto — The Board direct their Thanks be communicated to him in the Name and on the Behalf of the Company for this truly generous and valuable Donation —

Messrs. Jones Pascall Poultney and Nancarrow are appointed a Committee to superintend the Binding of the Pamphlets, Newspapers and Books that may want Repair and number and label such as have been lately purchased or presented

The Librarian is directed to take from such persons as have lost Books Notes for their Value to be void if the Books be replaced when the circumstances of affairs will permit it's being done with Convenience and to let no Books to such persons untill the Notes be given —

A Number of Members anxious for the Safety of the Library having mentioned their Apprehensions of it's Danger from the Combustibles kept in the Hall below The Board appoint Mr. Bower to apply to the Gent.: who have the Management of those Affairs and if there be a real Danger procure it's Removal if possible —

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 13th. 1779 —

Present Robert S. Jones, Joseph Stansbury, Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney and James Logan —

There not being a Quorum no Business was done —

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 27th. 1779 —

Present James Logan, Dr. Thomas Parke, Thomas Morris, Benj.a Poultney, Joseph Paschall, John Nancarrow, Samuel Shaw, and Joseph Stansbury and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Board agree to the Transfer of the Share late of Anthony Morris deceased to Benjamin Victor Morris (Son of Sam.l Morris Junr.) who being a Minor his Father is to enter into the usual Security —

The Treasurer laid his Account before the Board which being examined was found right it appears there remains in his Hands a Ballance of Cash amounting to £399 .. 8 .. 10 — Six Bonds £900 — Interest Ground Rents and sundry small Debts due the Company £202 .. 17 .. 7 making in the whole £1502 .. 6 .. 5 —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Todd the Librarian for £50 for six Months Salary — NB: This Order returned and cancelled See the Minutes of last Meeting —

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 1st. 1779

Present Robert S. Jones, Joseph Paschall, Thomas Morris, Samuel Shaw, James Logan, John Nancarrow and Samuel Sansom Treas.r

The Committee appointed to settle Francis Daymon's Accounts report that they presented him the Order drawn on the Treasurer in his Favor for £0 .. 14 .. 3 which he generously gave the Library —

The Committees on Rents and Samuel Lobdills Accounts are continued —

The Committee appointed to superintend the Binding of Books report that they have sent all that wanted repair'd to the Binders —

It appearing from the Information of the Librarian and Examination of his Books of Accounts that he had in his possession Monies received for Books his the Order mentioned in the Minutes of last Meeting was returned and cancelled —

At a Meeting of the Directors held May 11th 1779 —
Present Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Benjamin Poultney, Thomas Morris, John Nancarrow, Samuel Shaw, James Logan and Thomas Parke — and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Directors present agree that the Wife of Alexander Bartram be permitted to use the Share of her Husband thereon proper Securing for observing the customary Rules of the Library Also that George Eddy be permitted to use the Share of his Brother Charles Eddy his Mother giving Security as above — And that William Shute Junr be permitted to use the Share of Thomas Dicas (his Father William Shute) giving the usual Security he having a power of Attorney from Thomas Dicas to transact his Business —

Jonathan Mifflin having the Care of his Grandson Jonathan Jones' Business he is also permitted to use his Share in the Library till further Orders —

Andrew Robeson is unanimously rechosen Secretary for the ensuing Year —

Several Members having neglected to make their annual payments the following Advertisement was agreed to and Josiah Hewes is requested to have it published in each of the public News papers to be continued three Weeks —
Viz. "The Members of the Library Company of Philad.a who are in Arrear are requested to make immediate Payment to Samuel Sansom Treasurer to prevent a Forfeiture of their Shares agreable to the Laws of the said Company" —

Philadelphia May 11th 1779 — By Order of the Directors

At a Meeting of the Directors held June 8th 1779

Present Thomas Parke, Benjamin Pontney, Joseph Paschall James Logan and Samuel Shaw —

A full Board not appearing no Business was done —

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 16 June 1779

Present Thomas Parke, Thomas Morris, John Nancarrow Joseph Paschall, Benjamin Pontney, Samuel Shaw and Robert S. Jones —

John Todd the present Librarian attended and signified his Intentions of resigning that Office —

The Rev: Mr Kuntzy offered himself to supply the Vacancy occasioned by Mr Todd's Resignation at £200 ₱ Ann: he promised to attend punctually as possible and in his necessary Absence to employ a person to attend at his own Expence to perform his Duty. The Board take the matter under Consideration and will give him their Answer as soon as possible —

The Directors agree to meet on Friday Evening next

The Librarian was ordered to procure a new Book in which to keep an Account of the Books lent out and returned —

Mr John Foulke having presented the Company with a human Heart prepared by Injection Dr Parke is requested to inform him of the grateful Sense the Directors have of his elegant Present —

John Biddle applied for Leave to transfer his Share to his Grandson John Biddle Junr The Board assent his Father to enter into the usual Security during his Minority —

At a Meeting of the Directors pursuant to Adjourn: June 18th 1779 —

Present Robert S. Jones, Josiah Hewes, John Nancarrow Thomas Morris, Benjamin Pontney, Joseph Paschall and Thomas Parke —

The Rev: Mr Kuntzy who offered himself as Librarian at last Meeting upon further Consideration declined accepting the Office —

Bernard Scaris now attended and offered his Services to attend as Librarian in Consideration of £100 ℔ Annum & a Share in the Stock. & 'tis proposed to defer the further Consideration of the matter 'till next Meeting in the meantime he proposes attending with John Todd the better to understand the Nature of the Business.—

The Board agree to meet again on the 24th: Instt. soon of Clock in the Evening —

Sat a Meeting of the Directors pursuant to Adjournment held June 24th: 1779—

Present Josiah Hawes, Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney Joseph Paschall and Thomas Parke

The Choice of a Librarian coming again under Consideration & Mr. Scaris attending he agreed to serve as Librarian at the usual Times in Consideration of a Share in the Library and fifty Pounds current Money for six Months attendance and it was agreed to make John Todd Junr a present of a Share for his Assistance to B. Scaris four Months from the 12th: of July next—

Joseph Paschall, Benj.a Poultney & Thomas Morris are appointed a Committee to examine the Books previous to Mr. Scaris taking Charge of them in order to determine what are delivered to his Care for which he is to give the usual Security —

Benjamin Mifflin requested Leave to transfer his Share to his Son Benjamin the Directors agree he giving the usual Security during his Son's Minority

Robert Bell attended and requested a Lease for several Years on the House he now occupies in third Street belonging to the Company; On Consideration the Directors are unanimously of Opinion his request cannot be complied with — They agree to rent him the House for one Year he paying as much current Money as will purchase £20 in Specie the Rent to be paid Quarterly and to commence the first Day of July — next —

At a Meeting of the Directors held July 13th 1779

Present Joseph Paschall, Robert S. Jones, Benjamin Poultney, Samuel Shaw and Thomas Morris —

The Comittee appointed at last meeting to examine into the State of the Books &c. Report that they have fulfilled their Appointment so far that the Librarian may now begin the Catalogue and give the usual Security; some smaller Matters remain unfinished respecting which they hope to be able fully to report at next meeting —

Mr. Paschall one of the Comtee appointed to acquaint Robt Bell with the Boards Determination on his request informed the Directors that Bell agreed to the Terms offered by them —

Messrs Jones and Shaw are desired to make out a true List of the Names of the Members of the Library Company; some Inconveniencies having arisen to the Librarian for Want of such a Guide —

At a Meeting of the Directors held August 10th 1779 —

Present Josiah Hewes, Dr. Thomas Parke, Benjamin Poultney, Thomas Morris, Joseph Paschall, Joseph Stansbury, James Logan, Samuel Shaw and John Nancarrow Directors and Samuel Simson Treas.

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignments of the Share of Lindsay Coats to Francis Daymon Samuel Morris Junr. to Benjamin Wistar Morris and John Biddle to John Biddle Junr. —

The Committee appointed to examine the State of the Books not having compleated that Business are continued —

Messrs Hewes Stansbury and Paschall are appointed a Comtee to procure the Execution of the Assignments of Shares heretofore assented to by the Board; and collect the Annual Payments in Arrear And the Treasurer and Secretary are directed to furnish Lists &c. to the s.d Comtee —

Mr. Hewes one of the Committee on Rents reports that they have settled the Rent of the Chesnut Street Lot now in the use of the Continent at £80 ℔ Annum and that he has rec.d the last Years Rent due the 14th of July last — The Board approve of the Manner of settling the Rent and Mr. Hewes paid it into the Treasurers Hands —

A Committee of the Carpenters Company Viz.t Gunning Bedford Thomas Nevil and Joseph Rakestraw having mentioned to the Treasurer their Inclination to settle the Rent due for the Library Appartments at the Rate of 3 Jons for one The Board agree to the Offer and direct the Treasurer to pay the Arrearages at that Rate and draw an Order for the Amount Viz.t £2 8 8—

At a Meeting held September 14.th 1779 —
Present Josiah Hewes Joseph Paschall D.r Thomas Parke Benjamin Poultney and Thomas Morris —

A petrified Clam was presented by Thomas S. Duché which the Librarian is directed to deposite among the Curiosities —

There not being a full Board no further Business was done —

At a Meeting held November 9.th 1779 —
Present Joseph Paschall Joseph Stansbury Thomas Morris Thomas Parke James Logan and Benjamin Poultney —

Joseph Swift Ex.r of Samuel McCall prayed Leave to assign the said McCall's Share to Elizabeth Jauncey which the Board assent to —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for six pounds Specie and six pounds Continental Money for the Secretary's Salary for two Years due last May —

Doct.r Parke presented the Company with the Trials of Admiral Keppel and Sir Hugh Palliser and an Address to Admiral Keppel by a Seamen — The Board returns him their Thanks —

M.r Todd the late Librarian produced his Account by which on Examination it appears there is a Ballance in his Hands of £5 · 10 · 11½ due the Company —

At a Meeting of the Directors held Dec.r 14. 1779
Present Josiah Hewes Joseph Paschall, Thomas Parke Thomas Morris, Samuel Shaw Joseph Stansbury, John Norcross and James Logan and Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

The Committee appointed to examine the State of the Books &c are continued —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignments Thomas Musgatroyd to James Stuart and William Coxe to Tench Coxe—

The Board direct that in future the Rates of Book hire be as follows to wit—

For Folios	20/	} P Week for each Volume and no smaller Sum to be received altho' the Books be returned within the Week
Quartos	15/	
Octavos & Duodecimos	10/	

The Board direct the Secy. to wait on the Chevalier La Luzerne Minister of France and also on Mons.r Marbois Secretary to the Embassy and present each of them in the Name of the Company with a Catalogue of the Books &c.—

It is directed that the following Advertisement be published in the Gazette and Journal Viz.t

The Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia are hereby earnestly requested to appear ~~punctually~~ in person or by Proxy at the Library Apartments in Carpenters Hall on Thursday the sixth Day of January next at three o'Clock in the afternoon to consider of the propriety of praying a Law to enable the Directors to raise the Yearly Payments of the said Members. It being found on Experience that impossible to support the incidental Expences of the Library on the present Establishment—

The Committee appointed to call on the Delinquents for Yearly Payments are directed to leave written Notices at the Houses of such Delinquents that unless they settle their respective Arrearages by the first Day of February next their Shares will be forfeited—

Mess.rs Steiner and Cist having presented the Company with their Edition of Paine's Guide and the Regulations for disciplining the Troops of the United States the Board direct the Library to return their Thanks &c—

At a general Meeting of the Library Company held at the Library Appartments in Carpenters Hall in the City of Philadelphia pursuant to an Advertisement thereof published according to Law On the sixth Day of January 1780 — A sufficient Number of Members for proseing Business not appearing It was agreed to adjourn the Meeting to the first Day of February next of which the Secretary was directed to give publick Notice —

At a Meeting of the Directors held January 11th 1780 Present Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Thomas Parke, Thomas Morris, James Logan, John Nancarrow and Joseph Stansbury and Wm Sansom Treasurer —

The Secretary reports that pursuant to the Minute of the last Meeting he had waited on the Minister of France and Secretary of the Embassy and presented the Sett of Catalogues as directed and had received the Thanks of those Gentlemen to the Board for this polite Attention —

The Committee on the State of the Books, and for collecting the Annual Payments are continued —

Wm Todd late Librarian produced an Account stating a Ballance of £3.4.1 due him which the Treasurer, being directed paid him immediately —

Wm Jeanes the present Librarian not being able to attend longer Wm Joseph Potts offered himself and being approved agreed to enter on his Duty next Saturday next leaving it to the Board to fix the Quantum of his Salary at the Time of Payment thereof —

Dr Parke and Wm Stansbury are appointed a Committee to settle the Account of Wm Jeanes the Librarian and they are to allow him £107.10 Currency, exclusive of his Share for his Attendance for 6 Months past and after settling the Ballance due him draw an Order for it on the Treasurer —

Samuel Potts applied to purchase a Share The Board approve and direct the Secretary to give him a Certificate on his paying the usual Price —

At a Meeting of the Directors held January 27th 1780 -
Present Messrs Howe, Parke, Morris, Stanbury Paschall
Poultney & Logan

Messrs Stanbury and Poultney are appointed a Committee to furnish an Estimate of the Annual Expences by the next General Meeting -

At a General Meeting of the Library Company held at the Library Appartments in Carpenter Hall by Adjournment, and pursuant to publick Notice thereof given, on the first Day of February 1780 present in person and by proxies one hundred and thirty two Members — The Act Entitled "A Law "for settling the Annual Payments and Fines of "the Library Company of Philadelphia" was regularly enacted by a Majority of Votes and the Secretary ordered to engross and record the same -

At a Meeting of the Directors held February 8th 1780
Present Messrs Howe, Stanbury, Parke, Paschall Morris and Logan -

Messrs Styner & Cist, Printers, presented the Company with their Edition of "The Regulations for the Troops of the United States for which the Board returned the Thanks of the Company -

At a Special Meeting of the Directors held March 27. 1780
Present Messrs Paschall, Stanbury, Shaw and Poultney -
No Business done for Want of a Board -

At a Meeting held April 11th 1780 -
Present Messrs Howe, Stanbury, Morris, Poultney Shaw Nancarrow and Parke -

Samuel Burrey (Marines) applied for Leave to transfer his Share to William Nelles which the Board granted.

The Committee for settling Sam. Lobdells Account, and for collecting the Annual Payments were continued -

The Committee appointed for settling Mr. Franc's Acct. report that they have finished that Business and drawn an Order on the Treasurer for the Ballance

The Secretary reports that he has not yet received the Receipt for Sam.l Potts' Purchase Money—

Jonathan Shoemaker applied for Leave to transfer his Share to his Son Jacob to which the Board agreed as well as to the Application of the Exrs. of Israel Pemberton to assign his Share to John Wilson; and that of the Exrs. of Paul Voto to John Donaldson—

The Committee appointed for settling the Rents report that they had got the Rent of the Chesnut Street Lot settled at £125 to the 15th. July 1779 and produced an Order from Jacob Hiltzheimer on Col.o Biddle for that Sum which was delivered Dr. Parke to get the Money—

Messrs. Howell and Pawhall are appointed a Committee to lease the Chesnut Street Lot for such Rent and Term not exceeding five Years as they shall judge proper

The Members present reported that they had distributed the Laws to them respectively delivered to the several Members—

John Potts Junr. applied to purchase a Share to which the Board assented—

Messrs. Howell and Stansbury are appointed a Committee to apply to the proper persons at Howells for a safe passport for sundry Books intended for the Company and now lying at New York—

The Librarian is ordered to cancel John Nancarrow's Note on the Receipt of 10/ Specie for the Books for which the Note was given—

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 27. 1780

Present Messrs. Howell, Parke, Morris, Pawhall, Stansbury, Poultney, Nancarrow, and Logan—and Wm. Sansom Junr.

The Committee appointed for settling Wm. Lobdill's Acct. report that they have settled that Business and find a Ballance of £55:19:5½ due him—

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded the Assignments of Anthony Shoemaker's Share to Mary Scull & Samuel M'Calls to Elizabeth Janney, Robert Aitken to Thomas Leiper, Henry Miller to Conrad Gerhard and the Receipt for John Potts' Share —

The Committee appointed for collecting the Annual Payments report that they have received the Arrearages of all the Members they could meet with and paid them to the Treasurer —

D.r Parke reports that he applied to Col.o Biddle for the Amount of the Order for Rent but not being paid returned it to the Treasurer

W.m Henry Miller presented the Library with the 6.th Vol.e Votes of Assem.y

W.m Thomas Ryan with Governor Keith's Speech to the Ct.y Justices at Chester —

W.m Joseph Pennell with a Draft of a religious procession at Barcelona —

W.m Joseph Cruikshank with Soame Jennyns' Tract on the internal Evidences of Christianity — The Librarian is directed to return the Thanks of the Board to those Gentlemen for their several presents —

Messr.s Marcarrow and Paschall are appointed a Committee for settling the Treasurer's Account —

The Board agreed to allow the Librarian £750 for his Salary from the 12.th January last to the first of May next and an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for that Sum —

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer Account report that they have examined and find them truly stated and that there remains in his Hands the Sum of £403 - 18 - 1 in Continental Currency and £27 - 6 - 11 in Specie

The Committee appointed for obtaining a Passport for the Books lying at New York report that they had address a Memorial to the Supream Executive Council of this State on that Subject stating the former Minute of this Board of the 11.th of April last and accompanied with the following Letter and Invoice of the Books which they received for them the subsequent Resolve or Minute of Council — Viz.

New York 9.th February 1780 —

My dear Friend —

I wrote you sometime since acquainting you that Mr. James Rivington had imported from England in Compliance with an Order (which was transmitted to him by me when I was in Philadelphia in 1778 at the

particulars Request and Desire of the Library Company of Philadelphia) a Trunk containing some Numbers of the Philosophical Transactions as well as some other periodical Papers and Books agreeable to the said Order— I have since received the Trunk of Books into my Care and settled with him for the Cost of them agreeable to the inclosed Invoice and have to request you will please to acquaint the Directors of the Library Company therewith And further to inform them that I can obtain a permission here for forwarding them Provided they can procure the like Indulgence from those who have Authority to grant it to ensure a protection and safe Conduct from Elizabeth Town or any other Post so that they may be safely conveyed to Philadelphia— This I have not a Doubt will be readily granted for it cannot be supposed that publick Division will be suffered to interfere with the Advancement of Literature or the promotion of useful Knowledge when we consider the noble Example given in the generous protection ordered by the Belligerent Powers to be extended to the great Captain Cook at present abroad in Search of useful Discoveries—

I shall wait their further Orders on this Occasion and whatever they may be shall be strictly complied with And I shall always esteem it a particular pleasure to have it in my Power to render any Service to so honorable an Institution—

I am with the most perfect Regard your obliged humble Sert. Samuel Bunting

Indorsed— Joseph Stansbury Philad.a }

See Invoice on File

In Council— Philad.a Friday April 14th 1780—

A Letter from Josiah Hewes and Joseph Stansbury being "a Committee appointed by a Board of Directors of the "Philad.a Library Company to make Application to the "proper Person or Powers for obtaining a safe Passport for

sundry

"sundry Books intended for the said Company and now lying at
"New York requesting the Favor of the Advice and Assistance of this
"Board in compleating the Object of their Appointment" was read
On Consideration that there is now in Force a Law of the State
against importing any Goods Ware or Merchandize the Growth
or Manufacture of Great Britain and considering the Character
of the persons employed at New York in obtaining the said
Books — Agreed that this Council cannot give any
Advice or Assistance in a Business so circumstanced —

Extract from the Minutes

(Signed) T Mattlack Secy:

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 9th May 1800

Present Dr Thomas Parke, Benjamin Poultney, James Logan
Mordecai Lewis, Joseph Stansbury Josiah Hewes and Joseph
Paschall —

Peletiah Webster applied for Leave to assign his Share to
Benjamin Scull, and Henry Pugh to Robert Evans to both
which the Board assented —

Messrs Hewes and Lewis are appointed a Committee to
confer with a Committee of the Philosophical Society on
the Subject of their Application through James Wilson
Esquire for the temporary Use of the Directors Room and
admit the Application on such Terms for such Time
as they may judge expedient

The Committee appointed to settle Rents &c: continued —

The Secretary reports that he has received and recorded
the Assignments from Joseph Stansbury Attorney of Thomas
Pike to Samuel Murdock and Samuel Corey to William
Miller —

Messrs Paschall and Poultney are appointed a Committee
to settle the Librarian's Account —

At a Meeting of the Directors held June 13th 1800 —

Present Josiah Hewes Joseph Stansbury, Benjamin
Poultney, John Nancarrow, Joseph Paschall Dr Thomas
Parke, James Logan and Thomas Morris —

The Committee appointed to confer with the Committee
of the Philosophical Society report that they have admitted
the Application of that Body for the temporary Use of the
Directors Room on the Terms mentioned in a Written Agreement
by them produced and filed which the Board approve of —

William Jenkins applied for Leave to transfer his Share to his Sister Sarah Jenkins and Ephraim Bonham to transfer his Share to Samuel Bispham to which the Board agreed —

The Committee appointed to settle the Librarian's Account report that they have accomplished that Busines and find a Ballance of £3 18s. 6d. due to the Company —

Messrs. Steiner and Cist presented the Company with an Essay of an Indian Spelling Book and Mr. Henry Miller with a Sett of the German News papers published by him — The Board direct the Librarian to return their Thanks to those Gentlemen

At a Meeting of the Directors held July 11th 1780

Present Joseph Paschall, James Logan, Joseph Stansbury Benjamin Poultney Mordecai Lewis and John Nancarrow and Samuel Sansom Treas.r

A full Board not attending no Business done

At a Meeting of the Director held 8th Aug.t 1780

Present Josiah Hewes, Joseph Stansbury, Benjamin Poultney, Mordecai Lewis, Thomas Morris James Logan and Dr. Thomas Parke —

The Librarian was ordered to let out no Books on the Shares of Ebenezer Brooks, John Prior, Peter Dehaven, Samuel Fairland, John Morris Jun.r Phineas Bond or Samuel Murdock untill they produce Receipts from the Treasurer for the Arrearages for them severally due —

Jonathan Dilworth applied for Leave to purchase the Share of Zachariah Norman to which the Board agree on Condition that the Book borrowed on that Share be previously replaced —

Sep.r 12 1780. A full board not appearing no business done.

Octo.r 10. 1780. A full board not appearing no business done.

At a Meeting of the Directors held Novr. 14. 1780.

Present Josiah Hewes, Thomas Parke, Mordecai Lewis,
Joseph Stansbury, John Nancarrow, Benj.a Poultney,
Joseph Paschall & Thomas Morris. ——

Samuel Emlen Junr. Ground Landlord of the Companys lot in Third Street offering to receive Thirty pounds in Specie in lieu of three Years rent of the said lot ending the day of next. The Board accept the proposal and an order was drawn on the Treasurer for that Sum

Thomas Parke & Thomas Morris are appointed a Committee to wait on Samuel Rhoads and Thomas Shoemaker who have drawn on the Board for the Rent of the Library Apartments and settle the Sum due and draw an order on the Treasurer for as much money as the present State of the Companys Funds will bear. ——

Ordered That in future the Hire of Books be paid in Specie at the Rates fixed

John Biddle junr having presented the Company with a Set of the Translation of the Abbé Raynal's History of the East and West Indies and several American Tracts. The Board direct Thomas Parke to return the Thanks of the Board to that Gentleman ——

William Tilton laid before the Board an Assignment of the Share of Francis Richardson to his Son John Richardson and another from him to the said William Tilton and prayed the Board that he might be admitted a Member and the Assignment recorded. to which the Board gave their assent. ——

William Adcock applied for leave to purchase the Share of John Dean and be admitted a Member to which the Board agree

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 12th decr. 1780
Present Josiah Hewes, James Logan, Thomas Parke
Joseph Paschall, Benj.a Poultney, Thomas
Morris & Mordecai Lewis ——

Thomas Morris and Thomas Parke who were appointed at our last meeting to wait on the Carpenters Company report ——

Report that they did so and gave an Order on the Treasurer in their Favour for Fifteen Pounds Specie on Account which they have reason to expect will be considred as a discharge for half a Years Rent — — — — — — — — — —

The Librarian informed the Directors that Isaac Brigs a Lad of promising Genius desires to assist him for the opportunity it will afford him of Improvement from the use of the Books the Board being very willing to give him every Encouragement do chearfully comply with his Request — — — — — — — — — —

It being represented to the Board that Steiner & Cist are about Publishing an Edition of Cullens first Lines of the Practice of Physic Joseph Paschall is requested to subscribe for a Sett for the use of the Library —

Josiah Hewes & Joseph Paschall are appointed a Committee to settle the Rents due to the Company. and the Board agreeing to raise Robert Bells Rent to Forty pounds Specie p Annum. those Gent.n are desired to give him the proper notice. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

At a Meeting of the Directors held Jan.y 9. 1781.

Present Josiah Hewes. James Logan, Thomas Parke John Nancarrow, Joseph Paschall, Rob.t S. Jones Benj.a Poultney, Thomas Morris & Mordecai Lewis.

Robert Bell attended by direction of the ~~Company~~ Committee appointed at our last meeting and the Board settled the Rent due from him amounting to Thirty Seven pounds thirteen Shill.s & 3.d Specie the first Instant and he produced receipts of Taxes paid to the amount in Specie of one pound four Shillings & 3.d which is allowed him the Ballance he agrees to pay in a few days to our Treasurer he now takes the House for one Year at the rate of Thirty five pounds Specie p Annum. to commence the first of this Month the Rent to be paid every six months — —

Joseph Paschall reports that he subscribed as desired for a sett of Cullens First Lines of the Practice of Physic — —

Josiah Hewes & Joseph Paschall not having finished the Business of the Rents are continued on that service —

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At a Meeting of the Directors held the 13th. Feb.y 1781.

Present Josiah Hewes. Rob.t S. Jones Joseph Paschall
John Nancarrow, Thomas Parke. Mordecai Lewis
& Thomas Morris. — — — — — — — — — —

The Treasurer was also present informed the Board that Robert Bell has paid his arrearages of rent agreable to the minute of last Month. being Thirty Six pounds nine Shillings & 3d. — — — — — — — — — —

David Evans who holds a lot on Ground Rent under the Library Company. representing to the Board that he hath suffered by receiving his Rent in a depreciated currency and desiring some allowance in the Rent due amounting by contract to Twenty four pounds Specie for Four Years ending the first of last month the Directors agree to receive Twenty Pounds Specie in full to that time — — — — — — — — —

The other matters respecting rents are continued under care of the Committee formerly appointed

Doctor Robert Bass attended with a Transfer to him of one of the Two Shares which George Morgan lately held in the Books and Effect of the Company and desires the concurrence of the Board therewith which is agreed to. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Joseph Paschall produced an account for sundry Ironmongery furnished for the use of the Company in the Year 1774 amounting to Five pounds Eleven Shillings & 10d. for which an order was drawn on the Treasurer — — — — — — — — — —

At a Meeting of the Directors held April 10. 1781

Present Josiah Hewes, Benj. Poultney, Thomas Morris
Joseph Paschall, James Logan, John Nancarrow,
Robt. S. Jones & Mordecai Lewis. & Samuel Sansom Treas.

Josiah Hewes & Joseph Paschall report, that they have informed
David Evans of the determination of the Board on the
Thirtenth day of February last which he is satisfied with
and promises payment agreable thereto. — The
Committee on Rents are continued —

The following persons request to Transfer their
Shares viz Isaac Hughes to Matthias Hultgren, James Smith
of Burlington to Samuel Cutler Junr. & John Milnor to.
Robert McKnight which the Board agree to, any arrearages
that may be due being discharged as usual. — —

Robert S. Jones presented the Company in behalf
of the Author with a History of New England with particular
reference to the Baptists by Isaac Backus. and Benj. Poultney
in behalf of Ezra Jones with an Ostrichs Egg — Messrs. Jones
& Poultney are requested to return those Gentlemen the Thanks
of the Board for their kind present —

Joseph Paschall & John Nancarrow are appointed
a Committee to settle the Account of the Treasurer and
Librarian and Josiah Hewes and Robert S. Jones to
settle with the Secretary and report at our next meeting
which is agreed to be on the fourth day of May next —

At a Meeting of the Directors held 4 May 1781

Present Josiah Hewes, Jos. Paschall, R. S. Jones
Benj. Poultney, Mordecai Lewis, John Nancarrow
Thomas Parke, Thomas Morris, James Logan
& Samuel Sansom Treasurer —

Two of the three Transfers denied at last Meeting not
being made remain for further Care; That from Isaac Hughes

To Matthias appearing to have been done in the usual mode wants only recording to vest properly in the said Hultgren.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers Accounts report, that on Examination they find remaining in his Hands the Sum of £117. 16. 7 hard Money as will appear by the State of the Accounts at the End of the Book in his Hands.

Our Secretary Andrew Robeson being too much indisposed to attend to the Duty of his Station on the Day of Election, John Potts Junr. who hath been spoken to on the Subject is appointed to that Service & Josiah Hewes is requested to inform him thereof.

Townsend White desires a Transfer may be made of his Share in the Books and Effects of the Library Company to his Son John White to which on Consideration the Directors agree on paying up the Arrears if any.

The first Volume of Cullens first Lines of the Practice of Physic published by Stynes and List of this City for which the Directors lately subscribed was now produced, the Treasurer is desired to pay them for the Price agreed for & Joseph Paschall is requested to return them the Thanks of the Board for their Kindness in presenting the Company a Volume of the same Impression. 'Tis directed that they both be numbered labelled and entered in the Catalogue before they are let out.

Romain Hutchins Author of a Map of part of North America & a Pamphlet explanatory thereof has generously presented the Company with one of each thro' Josiah Hewes who is desired to return him the Thanks of the Board therefor. The above Gentleman being desirous of having Recourse to some Books in the Library, the Librarian is directed to allow him that Liberty on the Security usual for Members to give till further Orders.

The Directors agree that 30/ State Money be received in lieu of a Bushell of Wheat by which the annual Payments were last year directed to be made — the Treasurer is authorised to receive that Sum in Payment for the ensuing Year if

made immediately —

On a Settlement of the Librarians Acct. there appears a Balance due to him of £20.17.9 hard Money which the Treasurer is desired to pay an Order therefor being now drawn on him —

At an Election held at the Carpenters Hall on the seventh Day of May 1781 the following Gentlemen were chosen Directors viz.t

Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis
Robert S. Jones
John Nancarrow
John Kaign
Benj.a Poultney
Richard Wells &
Samuel Sansom Treas.r as Election Book

At a Meeting of the Directors on the Eighth Day of May 1781

Present

Josiah Hewes
Thomas Parke
Thomas Morris
Benj.a Poultney
Robt. S. Jones
Joseph Paschall
John Nancarrow
Mordecai Lewis &
Samuel Sansom Treas.r

The Secretary is desired to inspect the Book of Minutes & take Notice of the Transfers of Shares which have not been recorded —

Mr. Paschall reports that he hath not yet had an Opportunity of seeing Messrs. Stynes & Clift to return them the Thanks of the Board —

Mr. Hewes reports that he returned Mr. Hutchins the Thanks of the Board for his Present and was politely received —

Andrew Robeson Esq.r having served the Company for several Years past as Secretary to their perfect Satisfaction but having requested to Resign by reason of his present ill State of Health the Board agree to accept the same and therefore appoint John Pott Junr. to the said Office

The Directors in Consideration of Mr. Robinsons Salary and other Services drew an Order on the Treasurer in his Favour for fifteen Pounds Specie —

Mr. Joseph Fawcett being appointed Librarian the Directors agree to allow him sixty Pounds Specie for his Salary p Annum including keeping the Library in Order &c: which he agrees to —

William Parr Esquire having transferred his Share to John Maxwell Nesbitt - the Board agree to the said Transfer which the Secretary is desired to record —

Peter Dehaven requests Permission to assign his Share to his Son Hugh Dehaven to which the Directors assent on the usual Terms —

John Dean presented the Library with a Book entitled The present State (in 1681) of London & Joseph Parchall is desired by the Directors to wait on him and return him the Thanks of the Board —

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 14th June 1783.

Present.

Robt. S. Jones
Ben: Poultney
Thomas Morris
John Kaighn
Richard Wells
Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis &
Samuel Sansom Treas.r

John Potts Junr. having removed into the Country whereby the Office of Secretary is vacant the Board agree with Joseph Fawcett to serve in that Capacity till the next Election for Three Pounds hard money —

The late Secretary having left the following list of Transfers that all not recorded Jos: Fawcett is directed to have it done. viz.

John Milnor to Robt. McKnight
William Jenkins to Sarah Jenkins.
Townsend White to John White
Ephraim Bonham to Saml. Bispham.
Peter Dehaven to Hugh Dehaven
Zachr. Neiman to Jonathan Dilworth.
John Richardson to William Tilton.
James Smith Junr to Samuel Emlen Junr.

The Treasurer Reports he has paid Joseph Fawcett Twenty pounds Seventeen Shillings & nine pence agreeable to our order of the fourth of May last and Styner & Cist Thirty five Shillings hard also Fifteen pounds for the order in favour Andrew Robeson Esqr. of last Minute—

at the request of Joseph Fawcett an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for Six pounds hard money on Account of his Salary. . . . . .

At a Meeting of the Directors 11th Augt. 1781.

Present John Nancarrow
Jos: Paschall
Thomas Parke
Thomas Morris.
Benj.n Poultney
Josiah Hewes
&
Saml. Sansom Treas:

The Indisposition of the Secy prevented a meeting last month.

John Dean presented the Company with a Book entitled Mercurius Rusticus or the Countrys complaint of the barbarous outrages committed by the Sectaries of this late flourishing Kingdom &c: and Jos: Paschall is desired to return him the thanks of the Members present for the same. not being a board no other business done. . . . . .

At a Meeting of the Directors 11th Sept.r 1781.

Present Mord: Lewes
Rich.d Wells
John Kaighn
Thomas Parke
Benj.n Poultney
&
Thomas Morris.

Melchior Steiner presented the Company with two Books entitled.

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 9th Octo. 1785

Present Josiah Howes, Benj. Poultney, Thomas Parke, Jos. Paschall, John Kaighn, & Thomas Morris, Mordecai Lewis

An Order was drawn on Sam. Sansom Treasurer for Three pounds to pay Benjamin Allison for a sett of Linnæus's Systema naturæ 4 Vol.s

Thomas Parke presents the Company with Carver's Travels thro the Interior parts of North America

Application is made to transfer the following Shares viz. Half of William Bradford to William Bradford Jr. & the Share of the late William Morgan to Joseph Harper which are agreed to on the usual terms.

Henry Osborne and Samuel Hodgdon desiring to be admitted members are approved of

Alexander Moultrie of South Carolina having presented the Company with a Scorpion & Santipee the Secretary is desired to return him the Thanks of the Board.— An Account was exhibited from James Reynolds for lining and pasting Hutchins's Map of part of North America amounting to 18/9 for which an order was drawn on the Treasurer.

Likewise the following Orders. One in favour of George Emlen for Samuel Rhoads & Thomas Shoemaker in behalf of the Committee of the Carpenters Company's draft on the Board for Thirty pound being the ballance of Rent due for the Library Rooms to the first of Octor. 1780 And one in favour of Joseph Fawcett on account of his Salary for Twenty pounds.— Joseph Paschall, Benj. Poultney & John Kaighn are appointed a Committe to examine the Books & State of the Library in general & are authorised to have such books bound as want it.

At a Meeting of the Directors held 14th Novr 1781

Present Jos Paschall
Thomas morris
Thomas Parke
John Nancarrow
&
Mordecai Lewis

The Directors met not being sufficient to make a Board no Business done —

At a Meeting of the Directors held 12 Decr 1781

Present Josiah Howes
Benj Poultney
Thomas Morris
John Nancarrow
John Kaighn
Joseph Paschall
Thomas Parke
& Saml Sansom Treas.

The Treasurer informs us that he has paid the several orders drawn on him at the Meeting in October last

The Secretary reports that Transfers are made of the Shares of William Bradford to William Bradford & of the late William Morgan to Joseph Harper —

The Committe on the State of the Library are continued & Thomas morris is added to their assistance

Thomas Parke presented the Company ~~injected~~ with a human Heart injected for which we thank him

Josiah Howes is appointed to procure from the Treasurer an Account of the State of the Company's Funds and endeavour to collect what Interest & Rents may be due. —

The Treasurer is desired to furnish the Librarian with a List of those Members who have been delinquents in their Annual Payments and Fines for the last or any preceding Year it being the unanimous Opinion of the Board, that no such delinquents ought to be allowed the Use of the Books or Effects of the Company untill all arrearages are paid off & that if any neglect to make full payment within Ten days after the next Election their Shares shall be forfeited agreable to the Laws of the Company. —

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 8 Jan.y 1782

Present Thomas Morris
Mordecai Lewis
Joseph Paschall
John Kaighn
Richard Wells
&
Benjamin Poultney

who not making a Board adjourned till tomorrow evening a Six Oclock of which the Secretary is desired to give notice.

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 9th Jan.y 1782

Present Josiah Howes
Benj.a Poultney
Richard Wells
Thomas Parke
John Kaighn
Joseph Paschall
Thomas Morris
Mordecai Lewis &
the Treasurer

The Committe on the State of the Library made their Report which was as follows.—

To the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia

Pursuant to their appointment your Committe have examined into y.e State of the Library & find the Books & Effects in the Rooms generaly in good Order such of the Books as want repair are directed to be taken to the Binders for that purpose

And the following are not to be found or satisfactorily accounted for viz.

Folio N.o 12 Anderson's History of Commerce
Quarto 137 Humes Accession of Henry Vol.: I.
D.o ... 8.o 74 London Magazine for y.e year 1733
d.o ..... 428 Martins Philosophy Vol.: 3
474 Universal Magazine Vol.: 3
D.o ..... 542 Rapins hist.y of England Vol.: 8
957 Hakeluyts Travels
D.o ..... 1050 Erasmus's Folly .....
1107 Pamphlets .....
Duod.o 173 Memoria Technica
D.o ..... 327 Dryden's Juvenal
541 Swift's Work's V.l. 3. 4. 6. 7. 8. 10
D.o ..... 552 Memoirs of Boling broke Vol.: 10
d.o ..... 605 History of Eminent Greek
d.o ..... 607 Cotton's works .....

Yet as the Books &c have not been examined since the comencement of—

of Bernard Faris's time as Librarian their appears some doubt to whose Account to place apart of the missing books the present Librarian Joseph Fawcett not thinking himself accountable for any except those against which a mark is affixed as above. Which is submitted to the Board

by

8th January 1782

Joseph Paschall
Benja.n Poultney
Thomas Morris

It is recommended to the same Committe to enquire of the preceding Librarians whether they can give any information of the Books supposed to be lost during their times and make Report at our next Meeting

Josiah Hewes is continued on the business of collecting Debts.

A Letter was laid before the Board from Robert Shettle Jones resigning his seat with us on account of his removal to Burlington, attended with a present of Maior's Atlas Scholasticus and a Number of Bills of Mortality for this City. The Board request Richard Wells to present their respectfull Compliments to Mr Jones & Return their thanks for his kind Present.

Joseph Cruikshank presented the Company with John Griffiths's Journal which we thank him for.

Josiah Hewes Richard Wells & Thomas Parke are appointed a Committe to procure Books for the use of the Library to any amount not exceeding one hundred and Twenty pounds for which they are to have an Order on the Treasurer when called for

The Board taking into consideration that there is a claim on the Library Company for the cost of sundry Books now laying in New York procured by order of the Directors in the Year 1778 it was agreed that the same ought to be discharged & an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for £65..15..3 being the Value of £70..2..11 York Currency the Amount thereof in favour of John Kaighn & Mordecai Lewis who are appointed a Committe to remit the money.

At a Meeting of the D.s Directors held the 12 Feb.y 1782.

Present Mordecai Lewis
Josiah Hewes
Thomas Parke
Thomas morris
Benj.a Poultney
Jos: Paschall
Richard Wells
& Sam.l Sansom Treas.r

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for Forty five pounds in favour of the Carpenters Company for one Year & a Quarter's Rent due the first of Jan.y last. — — — — — — — — —

At a meeting of the D.s Directors 12.th March 1782

Present Josiah Hewes
Thomas Parke
John Bancarrow
Benj.a Poultney
Mord.i Lewis
John Kaighn
&
Thomas morris

Josiah Hewes is continued on the Business of collecting Rents due to the Company as is also the Committe appointed for procuring Books for the use of the Library. — — — — — — — — —

The following Transfers of Shares were proposed viz.d Nicholas Garrison to George Bickham & Jese Maris to Joseph Fox which were agreed to. & Joseph Cannon to Thomas Middleton which latter is laid over to next meeting some enquiry appearing necessary to be made. — — — — —

Benjamin Evans & Jonathan Evans Jun.r apply for Liberty to make use of the Shares of Joel Evans & William Evans they being willing to make the payments becoming due on them which is agreed to.

a Minor Daughter of Charles Willing being desirous of making use of the Share of her Father who is absent, the Directors consent on her obtaining the usual Security. — — — — — — — — —

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 9 April 1782

Present Josiah Hewes
Benj Poultney
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis
John Nancarrow
& John Kaighn

Josiah Hewes is continued on the Business of collecting Rents &c. The Committe appointed for procuring Books for the use of the Library is also continued. — — — —

The Secretary reports that the Transfer from Nicholas Garrison to George Beckham is compleated. — — — —

John Reede makes application to be allowed to purchase a Share in the Books & Effects of the Company which was agreed to — — —

John Nancarrow & John Kaighn are appointed a Committe to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer & Librarian and report at the ensuing meeting which is agreed to be on the third day of May next

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 3 May 1782

Present Mord: Lewis
Jos: Paschall
Rich.d Wells
John Nancarrow
John Kaighn
Benj: Poultney
Thomas Parke &
the Treasurer

The Comitte appointed for procuring Books report that they have done nothing therein

The Committe for settling the Accounts of the Treasurer & Librarian report that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer £216..1..7 hard money and £10 pounds State and that a ballance of £23..10.. is yet due to the Librarian. for which sum an Order was drawn on the Treasurer

An account of Eight pounds 5/. was produced from Joseph Cruikshank for Printing blank Notes for which an Order was given in his favour on the Treasurer. — — — — — — — — — —

The Secretary Report that he has made out Certificates for Samuel Hodgdon & Henry Osborne & John Rudle which are directed to be put upon Record. — — — — — — — — — — — — —

An Application from John Lukens for a Share in Books & Effects of the Company was agreed to. — — — — — — —

John Pemberton proposing to Transfer his Share in the Books an Effects of the Company to John Pleasants the same is agreed to on his producing the usual security he being a minor

John Morris Junr. requests to make use of his deceased Fathers Share which the Board agreed to. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

The Board taking into consideration that there is a claim on the Library Company for the cost of sundry Books now in New-York procured by Order of the Directors in the Year 1778 it was agreed that the same ought to be discharged & an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for £5. 15. 3. being the Value of £0. 2. 11 York Currency the Amount thereof in favour of Richard Wells, John Kaighn & Mordecai Lewis who are appointed a Committe to remit the money. — — — — — — —

At an Election held at Carpenters Hall on the Sixth day of May 1782 the following Gentlemen were chosen Directors viz

Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis
Richard Wells
John Kaighn
Benjamin Poultney
John Nancarrow
Isaac Wharton
Treasurer
Samuel Sansom

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 4th May 1782

Present Thomas Morris
Mord: Lewis.
Jos: Paschall
Jno. Macanaw
Rich^d Wells
Benj. Poultney
&
Thomas Parke

The Transfer from Jos: Cannon to Thomas Middleton is agreed to.

The Committee to discharge the Debt for Books, agreable to a minute of last meeting Report that the money is remitted

Robert Roberts Son of John Roberts of Morrion Township Philadelphia County Surveyor. deceased produced an Extract of his Fathers Will, bequeathing him his share in the Books and Effects of the Company

An Application from Thomas Penrose for a Share in the Books and Effects of the Company was agreed to on the usual Terms

D^r Thomas Parke presented the Company with part of the Tibia (or Shin Bone) injected to prove that Bones are Vascular & Joseph Paschall presented 5 Indian arrow heads for which the Board return them their thanks

Joseph Fawcett was elected Librarian & Secretary the Directors agreed to ~~give~~ allow him a Salary of Sixty pounds ₱ Ann: as Librarian and Ten pounds as Secretary including keeping the Library in order

The Board agree that the Hours for opening the Library from the 20 March to the 20 Sep^r shall be from 2 oClock to 7. and from the 20 Sep^r to the 20 March from 3 to 8 oClock.

Thomas Morris John Nancarrow Rich[d] Wells & Jos: Paschall are appointed a Committe to examine the State of the Library and Report at the next meeting — — — —

At a Meeting of the Directors held y[e] 11[th] June 1782

Present Thomas Morris
Jos: Paschall
Thomas Parke
Mord: Lewis
John Nancarrow
Isaac Wharton
John Kaighn
Josiah Hewes & Sam[l] Sansom Exrs

The Committe that were appointed at our last meeting to examine into the State of the Library not having been able to do that business are continued on the service

An application from Edward Bonsal to transferr his Share to Edward Price was agreed to and from John Bayly to John Shields. — —

The Librarian having represented that there are frequent applications from the Members to View the Curiosities. The Board direct the Library to be Open every Wednesday from 10 to 12 Oclock for that purpose when proper Application is made. — —

The Secretary is directed to transcribe the Minutes into the Journal and in future to Copy them monthly for the Inspection of the Board he is also to collect all the papers and Keep them under Lock & Key.

The annual payments not having been made on the following Shares they are forfeited agreable to the Laws of the Company viz

James Alexander
William Allens Estate
Alexander Baitram
William Bright
William Binghams Estate
Richard Bond
Thomas Cadwaladers Estate
Francis Daymon
Thomas Elton
Paul Fooks Estate
William Hopkins Estate
Isaac Hopkins Estate
Joshua Humphreys
Adam Hoops' Estate
David Kennedy
Abraham Liddon
Lynford Lardner
Samuel Massey
William Peters
John Paschall Estate
Doct. Benj Rush
George Ross's Estate
John Stagg's Estate
John Whartons Estate
Thomas Wharton Junr. do.
John White's Estate
James Wilson Esq.

Josiah Hewes & John Kaighn are appointed a Committee to settle with the following Members, whose Shares appear doubtful

John Dunlap
Samuel Lobdell
James Pearson
Henry Paschall Pearson
James Black
Benjamin Franklin
William Sellers
Benjamin Randolph
William Jones

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 9th of July 1782

Present. Jos: Paschall
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Benj. Poultney
Abrd: Lewis
Josiah Hewes
John Kaighn
Isaac Wharton
&
Jno. Mancarrow

The Committee appointed to examine

examine into the State of the Library not having done that business, is continued

The Secretary reports, that the following Transfers are recorded Viz Peter Dehaven to Hugh Dehaven, James Smith to Samuel Emlen, John Pemberton to John Pleasants, Jonathan Shoemaker, to Jacob Shoemaker, John Baily to John Sheeles & a Certificate to John Reed &c. ———

The Committee appointed to settle with Company members whose shares appear doubtful is continued on that service

John Morgan of Maryland Administrator to the Estate of Lodwick Sprogell, requested leave to make use of the share belonging to said Estate; which was agreed to ———

Jonathan Dilworth applied to make satisfaction for a Book lost by Zachariah Neiman, whose share in the Library, he purchased some minutes of the 8th Aug. 1780 — The Board agreed to receive what in 1774 was the Value of the sett, to which, this Book belonged; or that, he should replace the Volume lost — and upon his complying with either of these proposals, the Transfer may immediatly take place

As the Lease of the Library appartments will expire on the first day of January next, Mordecai Lewis, Joseph Paschall, & Thomas Morris are appointed a Committe to treat with the Carpenters Company, for a renewal thereof and report at our next meeting. ———

At a meeting of the Directors 20th Aug. 1782
Present Jos: Paschall, Mord: Lewis, Thos Morris, John Vaughn, Benj Poultney & Thomas Parke — who not being a Board adjourned to the 22nd Instant

At a meeting of the Directors 22 Aug 1782

Present Jos: Paschall, Thomas Morris, Benj Pauling
John Kaighn, Isaac Wharton, Thomas Parke
& Mordecai Lewis

The following Committee not having completed
the services, to which they were appointed, are continued viz

The Committee on the state of the Library —

The Committee — to settle with those Members,
whose shares appear doubtful — — — —

And the Committe for treating with the
Carpenters Company.

Joseph Potts requested to transfer his share
to his Son, John M. Potts a minor, which was
agreed to on condition, he gives the usual security

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer, in
favour of Francis Bailey, for three Dollars, for the
Freemans Journal & an Order in favour of Joseph
Thwaite, for fifteen Pounds, on account.

At a meeting of the Directors Sept 10 1782
Present. Jos. Paschall, Thomas Parke, John
Nancarrow, Isaac Wharton, Richard Wells &
Thomas Morris . . . . who not being a Board
no business was done adjourned to the 17th Sept inst.

At a meting of the Directors Sept 17. 1782 —

Present. Jos. Howes, Jos Paschall, Benj. Pauling,
John Nancarrow, Mord. Lewis, Isaac Wharton,
Thomas Morris & Richd Wells.

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An Invoice was furnished for sundry Books - as p Minute of May 3d. last - now received from New York, by legal permission - Copy of which (Invoice) followeth -

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The Committee to examine into the State of the Libary, reporting, that, they have made considerable progress in the business-is continued -

The Committee appointed on Doubtful Shares is Continued. The Committe appointed to treat with the Carpenters Company, report, that, they have conferred with a Committe from said company and expect a final answer in October next.

The following applications to transfer certain Shares in the Libary, were duly considered and agreed to by the Board; on the parties complying with the usual forms. viz.

The Application of the Executors of the Estate of James Young deceased, to transfer the share, belonging to his Estate - to Samuel Wetherel, Son of Samuel Wetherel Junr. -

The Application of Hugh Roberts, Executor to the Estate of Samuel Neave deceased, to transfer its share, to John Blakely. ——

The Application of William Sitgreaves & Benjamin Gibbs, Executors, to the Estate of mark Freeman, deceased-to transfer its share, to John Sitgreaves - and the Application of Martha Rudolph, admix. of the Estate of Zebulon Rudolph, deceased, to transfer its share, to Philip Sing Physick —

James Pearson made application for the use of the Quadrant, belonging to the company, to be returnd in one month; he is allowed the same, on giving such security, as Josiah Hewes and Joseph Paschall shall think proper —

At a meeting of the Directors Octo. 6th 1782

Present. Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Richard Wells, Benj. Poultney, John Haigh, Isaac Wharton & Thomas Parke.

The Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Library, reporting, they have not compleated the Service, are continued, under the request to finish this busines, by the next meeting

The Committee appointed, on doubtful Shares is continued

The Secretary reports, that the transfer from the Executors of the Estate of Mark Freeman, to John Sitgreaves is compleated.

The Committe appointed to confer with the the Carpenters Company, is requested to wait on them, to receive their final answer.

At a Meeting of the Directors 12th Nov. 1782

Present. Isaac Wharton, Benj. Poultney, Josiah Hewes, Mordecai Lewis, Thomas Morris, Thos Parke who not being a board, no business could be done

At a Meeting of the Directors. Dec. 10. 1782

Present. Thomas Parke, Thomas Morris, Benj. Poultney. John Haigh, Mordecai Lewis & Josiah Hewes

who not making a Board. no business can be done.

The Librarian reports that he 4 Nov. Received of Jonathan Dilworth, four pounds ten shillings, on the account of the Books lost by Zach. Neiman & 15/. for last years payment and fine

At a meeting of the Directors - 13 Jan.y 1783

Present. Jos Paschall, Jas.s Reeves, Isaac Wharton,
Thomas Morris, Benj Poultney, Jno Nancarrow,
John Kaighn & Thomas Parke. ——

The Committee on the state of the Library is continued -
The Committee appointed to examine into the circumstances
of those Shares, which are doubtful is continued - some
of them being undetermined - as yet by the Committee -
The Committee appointed to confer with the
Carpenters Company, report the substance of
several conversations they had with some -
members of that Company. The Board empower
the Committe to offer a Rent of Sixty Pounds for
the present year -

Philip Wager & Thomas Proctor made application
for a Share in the Books and Effects of the Company;
and it is agreed to on the usual terms -

a Transfer of the share of James Cannon
deceased, by his Widow & Executors to Robert Tod, was
made without previous notice to this Board and
produced at a former meeting which being repugnant
to our rules was not immediately at the time -

one of the Executors of Jas. Cannon now appear-
ing and apologizing for the irregularity of such
conduct; the Board agree the Transfer may be
recorded -

Thos Tillyer presented to the Company Sundry
Pamphletts, News Papers &c - for which the
Board returnd their thanks to him —

At a meating of the Directors 11th Feb.y 1783

Present Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, Thomas Morris, Jno Nancarrow, Jno Haighn, Mord.i Lewis, Benj.a Poultney, Richd Wells & Thomas Parke

The Committee on the state of the Library report, the business is now compleated & that the Librarian has given satisfactory security to the Board —

The Committee appointed to examine into the case of doubtful shares, are continued. and they are desired to make a return to the next meeting of what they have done therein —

The Committee appointed to confer with the Carpenters Company, report, that they have offered them sixty pounds pr year; which they have reason to believe will not be accepted, as the Carpenters Company demand Eighty Pounds pr ann.m and the Liberty of meating in one of the Rooms; Therefore the following Directors are appointed a committee to view the House now in the possession of Robert Bell, for the purpose of determining if it can be made to accomadate the Library, and they are desired to form an estimate of the Charges, that which will probable attend such alterations, as may be necessary, viz Thomas Morris, Richard Wells and Benj.a Poultney

The Secretary reports, that the transfer from Jam.s Cannon to Robert Tod is compleated —

Josiah Hewes, Joseph Paschall, & Thomas Parke are appointed a comittee to treat with the Managers of the House of Employment, in order to obtain the debt due from them to the Library company —

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The Carpenters Company produced an Account of £36 for Rent, due the 1st of Jan.y 1783. which, the Treasurer is desired to pay - agreeable to the order of the Board delivered to them -

Richard Wells produced an Account against the Company for £14.19.9. which, the Treasurer is directed to pay.

An Order was drawn in favour of Joseph Fawcett, on the Treasurer, for twenty pounds on account.

At a special Meeting of the Directors - on the 20 Feb. 1783.

Present - Josiah Hewes, Jos. Marshall, Thos. Morris, Thos Parke, Benjn Poultney, Richd. Wells, Jno Kaighn, John Nancarrow, & Mordecai Lewis -

Gunning Bedford, & Thos. Nevill, Jos. Rakestraw, and Jas. Lawson, a Committee from the Carpenters Company delivered a Notice dated the 15th Inst. to this Board - of which the following is a Copy -

Gentlemen Please to take notice that agreeable to a Resolution of the Carpenters Company (which hath been communicated to you) - the rent of the second Story of their Hall, now occupied by the Library Company, is Eighty pounds p.r Year, commencing the first day of January 1783 - If the Directors of the Library Company, do not agree to pay the aforesaid Rent, or Sum of Eighty pounds for one Year, We do hereby demand and require, that the Philad.a Library Company do remove from, & leave the Premises in good order, at the expiration of three Months from this date.

By order of the Trustees -

Philad. Feb. 15. 1783. (Signd) James Lawson
Tho.s Nevell

To the Directors of the Library Company.

And

And which this Board accept as a legal Notice -

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Mary Jackson presented to the Company a Shilling, coined in the reign of Queen Elizabeth - Joseph Paschall is desired to thank Mrs Jackson in the name of the Directors -

The Committee to view the House in the possession of Robert Bell - not having compleated the business is continued -

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At a Meeting of the Directors - March 13th 1783 -

Present - Thomas Parke, Tho: Morris, Benjn Pawlney, Richard Wells, Isaac Wharton and John Kaighn -

Who not being a Board - nothing was done

At a Meeting of the Directors - April 8th 1783 -

Present - Josiah Hewes, Jo: Paschall, Tho: Morris, Thomas Parke, John Kaighn, Isaac Wharton

The Committee to examine into the cases of doubtful Shares, reporting, they have not finished the service, are continued -

The Committee to treat with the Managers of the House of Employment reports, that the s: Managers have made an Offer of Ground Rent to the amount of twenty five pounds p: Annum, in part payment of their Bond due to the Library Company - which, the Board agrees to accept - and the Committee is requested to have the same assigned to the Company - and to obtain as soon as possible, the remainder of the debt -

The Committee to view the House in possession of Robert Bell, is continued -

Will:m Dellap personally applied to the Board for

for liberty to transfer the Share of Francis Jeys dec.d (and which he is possessed of by marriage with the late Widow of said Jeys) - to William Darby, who also appearing - the transfer is agreed to -

Isaac Snowden made application to purchase a Share in the Estate & Effects of the Company - and it is agreed to

Margaret James, Daughter & Administratrix to James Black dec. applied for liberty to transfer to Isaac Connoly, her late Father's Share - which is agreed to -

Joseph Parchall, John Kaighn, & Tho.s Morris, are appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts with the Treasurer and Librarians, and report their proceedings at a Meeting, which is agreed to be held on the 2.d of May next.

The Secretary is desired to advertise the ensuing Election.

At a Meeting of the Directors - May 2.d 1783 -

Present - Joseph Parchall, Thomas Morris, Thomas Parke, Perry.n Poultney, Josiah Hewes, Isaac Wharton & Mordecai Lewis -

The Committee on doubtful Shares, is desired to report the particular circumstances of these Shares - in order that this Business may be finished -

The Committee to treat with the Managers of the House of Employment, reports, that the Deeds for the ground-Rents mentioned at the last Meeting of the Board) as

as engaged to be convey'd to the Company - are drawn up - but not executed -

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The Committee to view the House in possession of Robert Bell, is continued -

The Secretary reports, that the transfer of the Share of the late Francis Jeys - to Wm Darby and of the One from Margaret James to Isaac Connoly - are compleated -

The Committee appointed to settle the Accounts with the Treasurer and Librarian, reports, that the following Sums, the property of the Company - are in the Treasurers hands - viz.

£ 354. 7. 7 in Gold & Silver Monies
10 - - - in Pennsylvania State Money
900 - - - in Bonds -
391. 12. 7 - due for Interest and on small debts -

And the Committee further reports, that a Balance of £ 25. 13. 0 is owing to the Librarian from the Company. Whereupon the Board drew an Order on the Treasurer in favour of the Librarian for this Balance of £ 25. 13. 0

At an Election held at the Carpenters Hall, on the 5th of May 1783 - the following Gentlemen were chosen Directors -

Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis
Richard Wells
John Kaighn
Benj.a Coultney
Isaac Wharton
Richard Wister

Treasurer - Samuel Sansom -

At a Meeting of the Directors held the 13th of May 1783

Present Thos. Morris, Thos. Parke, Benj.a Coultney, Mordecai Lewis, Isaac Wharton, John Kaighn & Richd Wister

This Meeting being the first after the annual Election, - the Board proceeded to consider of a proper person to act as Librarian, and proposed to continue Joseph Paucett in that Station, at the former Rate of sixty pounds ₱ Ann. He undertaking to open the Library, three afternoons in each Week, viz. on 3d, 5th & 7th days, at the hours appointed by Minute of the 14th of May last - to give to the Directors, proper Notice of each Meeting - clean the Rooms, and do what other services have been usual for a Librarian to perform - which Proposal he agrees to keep under Consideration until the next Meeting, and then to give a conclusive Answer -

The appointment of a Secretary is postponed to our

next Meeting –

By a Note signd Tho: Fisher, now laid before the Board, it appears, that the Share formerly possessd by Wm Logan in the Book Effects of the Library, became at his decease, the property of his two Sons, George & Charles Logan, and his Daughter Sarah, the Wife of Tho: Fisher – that, George Logan has purchasd the part his Brother owned – and Tho: Fisher approves of a transfer of his part of this Share being made to the said George Logan – if agreeable to the Directors – which being taken into consideration, meets the approbation of the Board –

Sarah Lewis, Widow of Jacob Lewis, her proposal of transferring her Share in the Library to John F. Mifflin, is agreed to –

The Committee appointed in June last to examine into the situations of divers Members then minuted as Delinquents, and whose Shares appeard doubtful; by reason of some Accounts they were supposd to have against the Company – is desired to make a full Report at our next Meeting –

The Business mentiond on last Month's Minutes, to be in forwardness between a Committee of this Board and the Managers of the House of Employment – not being as yet finishd – the Committee is desired to promote a settlement thereof as soon as possible –

Sundry Matters occurring as absolutely necessary to be considered of early, and the time not allowing of entering upon them, at this Sitting with that deliberation, they deserve – its agreed to adjourn to the Evening of tomorrow at 7 o'Clock.

At

At an adjourn'd Meeting of the Directors - May 14. 1783 -

Present - Thomas Parke, Mordecai Lewis, Benj.a Poultney, Isaac Wharton, John Vaughn, Rich.d Wister and Thomas Morris -

The Committee appointed in Feb. last to examine, whether the House in tenure of Robert Bell may be so altered as to receive the Books &c of the Company, are continued, under the direction, if they find it not likely to answer - to have in contemplation any other Place, where the Company's Effects may be accommodated on better terms, than in the one, now occupied -

Doctor Hugh Martin's application for a Share in the Library is approved of -

Richard Wells, Mordecai Lewis, & Isaac Wharton, are appointed a Committee to purchase a Bill of Exchange for £200 Sterling - and (afterwards) to transmit it to Joseph Wood & William Dillwyn of London, with the request of this Board; for them to procure, and send by the earliest Opportunity, the value thereof in Books of the most approved Authors, since the year 1774 - excepting Novels, and such as the Library is already possessed of - And for this purpose an Order for the amount of £200 Sterling, in favour of this Committee was drawn on the Treasurer -

Joseph Paschall, & Benj.a Poultney, who were requested to have a number of Books and News Papers bound - are again desired to have the same done -

At a Meeting of the Directors - June 10. 1783 -

Present - Josiah Hewes, Rich.d Wells, Tho.s Parke, Rich.d Wistar,
Isaac Wharton, Jn.o Ruglins, Tho.s Morris & the Treasurer

Joseph Fawcett agrees to act as Librarian for the present on the terms proposed to him, at the last Meeting - He is directed to advertise, (in one of the public Papers) the days and hours of keeping the Library open -

The choice of a Secretary is postponed to another Meeting - as is the final Report respecting doubtful Members -

Dr. Parke informs the Board, it is probable, the Business with the Managers of the House of Employment, will be concluded before the next Meeting -

The Committee appointed to procure a proper Place for removing the Books & Effects of the Company to - is continued -

The Committee for the purpose of sending for £200 sterlg's Worth of Books - produced a Copy of their Letter to Jos.h Wood & Wm. Dilwyn and the 3.d Bill of a Sett of Exchange drawn by Robert Morris on Herries & Co.o of London for £200 sterlg at 30 days sight - The following is a Copy of the 2.d Letter -

"Gentlemen

Knowing your attachment to the Interests of Literature, we think it unnecessary to offer any Apology for the liberty we are about taking, to trouble you with a small Order, for the Philad.a Library - We have not rec.d any new Books since 1774 except those contained in the

the List herewith, we therefor shall confide entirely on your Judgement, to procure such for us of modern Publication, as will be proper for a public Library, and tho we would with to mix the [redacted] Utile with the dulce, we should not think it expedient to add to our present Stock, any thing in the novel Way.

Enclosed you have Robert Morris's Bill, on Herries & Co for £200 sterling which you will be pleased to invest, & ship the Books, by the first good Vessel, insuring the Amount

We are with much Esteem

Your assured Friends

Philad.a May 27. 1783.

(signed)
Richard Wells
Isaac Wharton
Mordecai Lewis

To
Joseph Wood
& William Tilloyn London

Books lately purchased -

* Philosop.c Transactions to No 67 inclusive
Critical Review - - - to Vol. 46 - do.
London Magazine - - to - 1778 do.
Parliamentary Register - - - - 10 Vols
Doctor Franklin's Works
Forest Voyages
Dr. Johnson's Lives of the Poets - 4 Vols
NB. We do not wish at present to have the whole 60 V.
having most of the Poets in their own Sets -
Stewart View of Society
Williams on the Northern Governments
Forsters Phys. Geography & Natural History
Biographia Literaria
Carvers Travels
Gentoo Laws

Additions

Addetions to Popes Works
Millots antient History
Campbells Rhetorick
Collection of Treaties
Penants Nat. History
History of Sweden
North. Amer. Pilot 2 V. fol.

*N.B. We have the first part of No 68

Wanted

Gent. Magazine - from 1775 inclusive
Univeral - do - - - from 1774 - do
Critical Review - - - - do - 47 Vol. do
Monthly do - - - - - - - 52 do -

Please to send the annual Catalogue of Publications -

Original with 1st Bill of Capt. Thurston
Copy - and - - 2 Bill of Capt. Kraay "

The Committee likewise reports, that the Treasurer paid for the abovementioned Bill, three hundred & twenty pounds currency - The third Bill of this Sett is committed to the care of Mordecai Lewis, to be deposited with our Treasurer.

Jos. Packall & Benj. Poultney being absent, the Minute respecting the binding of some Books, must be answerd by them at a future Meeting -

At a Meeting of the Directors - July 8. 1783

Present - Josiah Hewes, Jos. Paschall, Thos. Parke, Mord.ai Lewis
John Kaighn, Rich.d Wister, Thos. Morris, & the Treasurer

Jos.h Paschall, Dr. Parke, & Benj.a Poultney, are appointed to apply to a suitable Person, to act as Secretary to this Board -

The Committee, who have under care the Shares of several Members minuted on the 11.th of June 1782 as doubtful - now report, that Wm. Jones's Share is forfeited - and that, the others are satisfactorily settled - excepting the following - viz.t

Jas. Pearson & Henry Pearson, their Shares - against these Arrears due on them - Jas. Pearson has an Account for Work done for the Library -.

And that there is due on Jas. Black's Share - 12/6 -

Josiah Hewes & John Kaighn are earnestly requested to bring these Matters to a closure -

The Business between this Board and the Managers of the House of Employment is nearly finished - nothing but a Matter of Form retarding its completion - which when done - a full Minute so far as relates to the said Managers, may be made - But, a large Sum being due on the Ground Rent, they have conveyed to the Library - Mordecai Lewis is added to the former Committee to press payment thereof

The Carpenters Company having made no proposals for lowering the Rent, at which, they lately fixed their Company, renders it expedient to continue the Committee to seek for a proper Place to remove to - on more moderate Conditions -

Mordecai Lewis has deposited with the Treasurer, the third

third Bill of Exchange as directed at the last Meeting)—

Jos. Paschall reports, that the damaged Books, directed to be repaired, are replaced in the hands of James Muir for that purpose—He having given a Note of hand for the returning of them in due time—

The following Shares are declared to be forfeited—their late Owners, having neglected to make payment according to Law; notwithstanding great pains were taken to excite them thereto—viz.

William Crispin's Share, George Davis's, Tho. Foxcroft—William Fishbourne's Estate's, David Hall (Silversmith) John Mitchell's, Lewis Nicholas's, Wm. Parr's, Wm. Peters Thomas Peters and Joseph Wharton's—A Book having been lost, for which a Note was given by Wm. Fishbourne—the Directors appoint Josiah Hewes, to demand its being restored—or insist on payment of the Sett, to which this Book belongd—

At a Meeting of the Directors—August 12. 1783—

Present—Joseph Paschall, Tho. Parke, Benj. Poultney, John Kaighn and Tho. Morris—

Who not making a Board—no Business could be done—

At a Meeting of the Directors - August 19. 1783

Present - Josiah Hewes, Richard Wells, Thos. Parke, Joseph Paschall, Mordecai Lewis, Benj.a Pinkney, Isaac Wharton, and Thomas Morris -

Wm. Sitgreaves's proposal of transfering his Share to his Son, Samuel Sitgreaves, is agreed to -

Joseph Paschall informs, that in pursuance of an appointment made at the last Meeting, he proposed to Samuel Sitgreaves to act as Secretary to the Directors - when the transfer above mentioned is compleated - and he agreed upon condition, of its meeting with the concurrence of the Board - which being considered of - is unanimously approved - Wherefore the Librarian is directed to make the Transfer to him, before the next Meeting.

It appears by James Pearson's Account now produced, that there is a Balance of £10. 9. 3 due to him, for Work done for the Company.

The Librarian is directed not to let any Books out in right of the Share of Jas. Black, lately transfered to Isaac Conolly - until the Arrears due thereon - are paid -

The Deeds conveying sundry Ground Rents from the Managers of the House of Imployment to the Library Company, to the amount of £25 Ann. reckoned at 16 2/3 Years purchase making £416. 13. 4 issuing from Lots upon the late Almshouse square - are executed and deposited with the Treasurer - this Sum, with £158. 10. 10 the Arrearages of Rent due thereon up to the 9.th of July last - and £17. 5. 10 paid to the Treasurer, is in full for Principal & Interest of their Bond -

No

No Apartments more suitable than those, which we now occupy
having yet offered - the Committee is continued - 196

The following Orders were now drawn on the Treasurer - viz.
An order in favour of James Pearson for £10. 9. 3 -
another, in favour of Francis Bailey for £4. 15. 0 - for one year's
News Papers & the Laws of Pennsylvania, lately published -
another order in favour of Benj.a Randolph for 14/ for building
a Place to put the Library Wood in -
An order in favour of Jo.s Rakestraw, for £3. 9. 2 Cost of a
new Cellar door to the Union Library House -
And one other order, in favour of Jo.s Fawcett for £12. 0. 0
in part of his Salary -

At a Meeting of the Directors - Septem.r 16. 1783 -
Present - Josiah Hewes, John Haighn, Benj.a Loxtney, Rich.d
Wells, and Thomas Parke -
Who not being a Board - no Business was done -

At a Meeting of the Directors - October 14. 1783 -
Present - Mordecai Lewis, Tho.s Morris, Tho.s Parke, Isaac
Wharton, Benj.a Loxtney and Joseph Paschall -
Who not forming a Board - no Business could be
done -



At a Meeting of the Directors - Nov. 11. 1783 -

Present - Josiah Hewes, Joseph Marshall, Thos Parke, Richard Wells, Benj.a Poultney, Mardecai Lewis, Thomas Morris, and Richard Wister -

Our Book of - Minutes being mislaid, in the cause no Answer is here given to any part of the Business therein necessary to be reported to - It is agreed, that every Member of the Board, shall be particularly desired to meet on fifth day Evening next, at six o'Clock, to consider what will be right to do on this pressing occasion

A Letter from Joseph Woods was laid before the Board, with an Invoice of Books, amounting to £164.18.7 Sterling - sent in consequence of our Letter of May 27.th Last - the three Packages containing them are lodged in the Directors' Apartment - John Kaighn, Thomas Parke & Richd. Wells are appointed a Committee to examine & compare the Books with the Invoice - and to number and label them - and insert their Titles, in the Catalogue - previous to their being delivered to the Librarian, for the general Use of the Members -

The Committee who ordered these Books, are requested, to convey the thanks of the Directors to Joseph Woods and William Dilwyn, for their very friendly Care & attention in the execution of this Business -

A Letter from Dr. Thos Bond, notifying the receipt of six Volumes of the natural History of the South of France - a Present from Doctor Benjamin Franklin to the Library - and that he would deliver them to the order of the Board - The Directors think it their duty to transmit to the generous Donor their thankful Acceptance of this valuable Gift -

Josiah

Josiah Bewer is desired to deliver to Dr Bond, a copy of this Minute - that, he may convey to Doctor Franklin, the grateful sense, the Directors entertain of this fresh proof of his kind remembrance of an Institution, to which, he has from its first foundation prov'd himself a warm and useful Friend.

These Volumes being half bound - Josiah Bewer is also desired to lodge them with Benjamin Janeway to be bound - As he offers to bind Books for the Library, to the Amount of a Share - if the Board approves of him, as a Member, on these Conditions - which are agreed to —

for his son Arch.d McCall junior —

Arch.d McCall applies, to be admitted as a Member, which, Richard Wister, who makes the application (for him) is desired to inform him, meets our approbation - on his giving the usual Security.

A Proposal was made at the request of Joseph Stansbury, that, his share may be transfered to Rich.d Hill Morris - and it is agreed to.

Joseph Fawcett is desired to convey the thanks of the Board to Major Isaac Craig for the Present of a valuable curiosity made by him to the Library - it's a petrefied thigh Bone of an uncommon Animal - with two Teeth and a Tusk - they were brought from the frontier parts of this State, near the River Ohio -

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, on behalf of Joseph Fawcett, for thirty two pounds —

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At a Meeting of the Directors — Nov. 13. 1783 —

Present — Josiah Hewes, Benj.a Poultney, Tho.s Morris,
Rich.d Writer, Joseph Paschall, John Haighs,
Tho.s Parke, Isaac Wharton Jr Mordecai Lewis —

Search has been made after our Book of Minutes, without
success — but, its hoped, with the help of the Treasurers Book,
and our own Memories, to be able to collect the most material
parts of the Business, which were transacted, during the
Period it comprehends — Wherefore its determind, we will
report at the next Meeting, such Matters relating thereto as
may occur on recollection — and in the mean time we will
not relax in our Endeavours to recover the Minute Book —

Lewis Nichola represented to the Board, he was on public
service at the time his Share became forfeited — that, he
had requested a Friend to attend thereto — but he neglected it —
Under these Considerations, he hopes, he will be allowed to
have his Share again on paying all the Fines due thereon
— It is agreed to refer the same to the next Meeting — that
Enquiry may be made more fully of the Treasurer —

The Board thinking it expedient to remove the
present Librarian — he was duly acquainted therewith
and told, he was allowed three Months Notice previous
to the removal — agreeable to Engagement with them, when
he undertook the Service — Josiah Hewes & Mordecai
Lewis are authorised to advertise immediately for a
proper person to succeed him —

The Committee on the Service of opening &c. the
Books

Books received a few days ago from London - report, they find, many of them, only stitched and in Boards - Wherefore they are desired to send them to Benj.a Janeway, to be fully bound - before they are let out of the Library -

Agreed to meet again on the 20.th Inst.o at 6.o Clock in the Evening -

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Nov. 20. 1783 -

Agreeable to adjournment the following Members met - viz.a

Jonah Hewes
Richard Wells
Isaac Wharton
Joseph Paschall
Thomas Parke
Tho.s Morris
and
Mordecai Lewis -

The Librarian having found our Book of Minutes - the Business necessary to be taken up at our Meeting of the 11.th Inst.o - was now gone into —

The Committee appointed to collect the Arrears of Rent lately assigned by the Managers of the House of Employment to the Library Company - report, they have rec.d £60 - on account of the debt due from that part of the Ground granted to Wm. Richards - they are desired to pay it to the Treasurer - and to continue their Endeavors to obtain the remainder - they also informed the Board, that the Treasurer has rec.d £17. 5. 10 the Balance due from the said House of Employment —

The Committee, who were requested to prepare the new Books,

Books for the use of the Members, report, they have nearly compleated it - wherefore they are continued on the Service

The Board taking into consideration, the case of Lewis Nicholas are of opinion, it merits indulgence - and therefore agree he shall be reinstated in the use of his Share, on paying the Fines owing thereon -

Jos. Paschall, Isaac Wharton & Thos. Morris are requested to arrange the Company's Papers and put them under Lock & Key -

An Offer being made to the Library of 10 V. of the Westminster Magazine, from 1773 to 1782 inclusive, at the price of twenty Dollars, and of Ash's Dictionary 2 V. for three dollars - Josiah Bowen is authorized to purchase & deliver them to the Committee on the new Books; that they may be Labelled &c. for use -

The Board judging it advisable to send another Order for Books - appoint Richard Wells, Isaac Wharton, Mordecai Lewis, & Thos. Parke, a Committee to purchase a Bill of Exchange for £100 Sterl.g and to transmit it by the first Conveyance to Joseph Wood & Wm. Delwyn (the Gentlemen, who generously executed the former order) - with a List of such Books, as the Committee may think proper for the Library - requesting they may be shipped by the earliest Opportunity - A conditional Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Committee, for the Amount of s.d £100 sterling) ——

At a Meeting of the Directors - Dec. 9. 1783

Present - Josiah Hewes, Isaac Wharton, John Kaighn, Richd. Wister, Richd. Wells, Thos. Parke, Joseph Paschall, Thos. Morris, Mordecai Lewis, and the Treasurer

The Committee for preparing the new Books for the use of the Members, report, that the Buſineſs is finiſhed - excepting that a few of the Books are ſtill in the hands of Benj.a January, the Book-binder -

The Committee to arrange our Papers, are continued on the ſervice -

Josiah Hewes having engaged the Books mention'd in our laſt Minutes - an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for £ 8. 12. 6 the coſt of them -

The Committee appointed to ſend for new Books, inform the Board, they have not yet compleated the Buſineſs - & are therefore continued; with a deſire to forward the Order as ſoon as poſible - They have purchaſd a Bill for £100 ſterling; a 72 d/s. by Benj.a Mordecai Lewis & Co.a their draft on Mildred, Masterman & Walker - which they have remitted agreeable to the direction of the Board -

Doctor John Jones applied to become a Member - which was approv'd of -

Joseph Paschall acquainted the Board, that Samuel Sitgreaves agrees to act as Secretary - and Mr. Paschall is requeſted to invite him, to attend our next Meeting -

The choice of a new Librarian is poſtpon'd, until our next Meeting -

At a Meeting of the Directors —

Tuesday January 13th. 1784.

Present

Josiah Hewes.
Joseph Paschall
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke.
Mordecai Lewis
Richard Wells
John Kaighn, &
Benjamin Poultney.

Samuel Sitgreaves attends and enters upon the Duties of his Appointment as Secretary. ——

The Committee for preparing the New Books for the Use of the Members report, That the Books which remained in the Hands of the Book Binder are yet unfinished — They are therefore continued on the Business —

The Committee for arranging the Papers are also continued.

The Committee appointed to send for New Books report, That they have completed the Business — having forwarded an Order by two Vessels, one bound for Bristol, the other for London — They have also written a Letter of Thanks &c to Messrs. Woods and Delwyn agreeable to the Instructions of the Board, a Copy of which they will lay before the Board at the next Meeting

The Board proceeded to deliberate on the Choice of a Librarian referred from the last Meeting — when John Todd Junr. was proposed, approved of, and admitted on the following Terms, viz. To be allowed a Salary of Sixty Pounds per Annum; in Consideration of which he engages to adhere strictly to the printed Rules for the Observance of a Librarian in every Respect, except that he will open the Library on Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday in every Week from 2 o'clock until 7 from the 20th. March to the 20th. September, and from 3 o'Clock until 8 from the 20th. September to the 20th. March — to attend on Saturday in every Week from 10 o'clock until 1 to shew the Curiosities to such Persons as may be desirous to see them — to clean the Rooms

and

and do such other Services as have been usually performed by a Librarian — His Salary and Services to commence immediately —

Messrs Poultney, Kaighn, & Morris were appointed a Committee to examine the Books and Effects of the Company, for the Purpose of delivering them to the new Librarian — and to receive the usual Security for the faithful Performance of this Trust. —

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The Secretary was directed to Summon the Directors on the second Tuesday in every Month, from September to March at 6 o'Clock — and from March to September at 7. —

At a Meeting of the Directors,

Tuesday, February 10th 1784.

Present.

Josiah Hewes.
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Joseph Paschall
Mordecai Lewis
John Kaighn
Benjamin Poultney, &
Samuel Sansom, Treasurer —

The Committee for preparing the new Books report that Robert January has not yet finished those which were delivered to him to bind — They are therefore continued on the Business —

The Committee for arranging the Papers are also continued — Richard Wells who has in his Possession the Copy of the Letter to Messrs Woods and Delwyn, which was intended to have been laid before this Meeting, does not attend — it is referred therefore to the next Meeting. —

The Committee appointed to examine the Books and Effects of the Library, for the Purpose of delivering them to the new Librarian, report, that they have gone through the Examination; but finding a number of Books missing; they are continued until the next Meeting, when they are desired to make a further Report. —

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Librarian for £10 — on acct. of Disbursments — Another in favor of Mr Kaighn for

£

£3. 3. 9. being the Consideration for three Volumes of the Votes of Pennsylvania bound and lettered, purchased by him for the Use of the Company. —— Another in favor of Mr. Hughes for £6. 19. 10. Cash paid by him for Sundries also for the Use of the Company.

Messrs. Lewis and Hewes are desired to call on Robert Bell and raise the Rent of the House in his Occupation to £50 per Year — they are requested further to settle the Ground Rent of the Lot in fifth Street — and to let the Lot in Chesnut Street.

At a Meeting of the Directors

Tuesday March 9th. 1784.

Present

Josiah Hewes
Richard Wells
Isaac Wharton
Thomas Parke
John Kaighn
Richard Wistar
Benjamin Poultney
Thomas Morris
& Mordecai Lewis.

The Committees for preparing the new Books, and for arranging the Papers — are further continued ——

Richard Wells, having omitted bringing the Copy of the Letter to Messrs. Woods and Delroyn, undertakes to furnish it at the next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine the Books and Effects of the Library, having found that the Conduct of the late Librarian has been very irregular and negligent, and has consequently produced great Disorder and Confusion — request an Addition to their Number — Josiah Hewes and Richard Wells are desired to assist them on this Occasion ——

They report that the present Librarian John Todd Junr. has given the usual Security in which he is joined by his Father John Todd & John Eldridge. ——

Josiah Hewes and Mordecai Lewis report that they gave notice to Robert Bell, agreeable to an Order of the Board, that he is to pay £50 per Ann: from the Expiration of the present Quarter, which is the 1st. of April next — which he then assented to — but he now appeared and claimed the Right of remaining in the House all this Year at the late Rent of £35 per Ann: — which the Board taking into Consideration do agree is not admissible

admissible; and desire Josiah Howes and Mordecai Lewis to call on him and inform him they expect he will pay at the Rate of £50 per Annum as above. —— The same Committee inform that they have made some Progress in the Business respecting the Ground Rent in fifth Street and the Lot in Chesnut Street, which they are desired to ~~finish~~ finish. ——

The following Persons apply to be admitted Members,

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Gavin Hamilton
Samuel Vaughan
John Vaughan —
John Warner
& Robert Bell, all which are approved of to be admitted on the usual Terms.

Accounts were exhibited for the following Charges on the Books lately imported in Captain Josiah from London,

Duty	£2.. 11.. 9.
Freight	3.. 2.. 1
	£5.. 13.. 10

for which an Order is drawn in favor of Mordecai Lewis who advanced the same. ——

A Member mentioning to the Board that the Philosophical Society have in View to apply to the Legislature of this Commonwealth for Liberty to build a Hall on the State House Square, and are desirous that this Board should also sollicit the same Favor for the Library in Company with them — and a Letter being received from Francis Hopkinson, David Rittenhouse, and Samuel Vaughan, a Committee of the Philosophical Society appointed for the above Purpose, requesting that a Committee may be named by the Board to cooperate with them — John Kaighn, Thomas Parke, and Mordecai Lewis are authorized for the Occasion, and to call the Directors together when necessary.

At a Meeting of the Directors,
Tuesday April 13th. 1784.

Present.

Mordecai Lewis
Richard Wells
Isaac Wharton
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Benjamin Poultney
Joseph Paschall
Richard Wistar.

and the Treasurer —

The Committee for preparing the new Books report that Part of them are bound.

bound, but that a Part still remain unfinished — they are continued on
the Service as are also the Committee for arranging the Papers —

Richard Wells produces the Copy of the Letter to Messrs. Woods
and Delwyn agreeable to his Promise of the last Meeting — it is as follows.

Philadelphia 16th. Decemr. 1783

Gentlemen

By the Washington, Captn. Josiah, we received the Books
you were so obliging as to ship us, amounting to £154.. 18.. 7 which turned
out in good Order and agreeable to Invoice. Your Choice has given great
Satisfaction to the Directors, who have requested us to transmit the Thanks
of the Board for this Instance of your Kindness and Attention —— but as the
Readiness with which a Favor is granted is generally productive of future
Applications, you will be the less surprized at our furnishing you with a new
List, which we beg you to procure for us, and to ship them by some of the Spring
Vessels, making full Insurance.

On looking over one of the Publications you sent us, we find
a very handsome Record of Peter Collinson's Assiduities in the Service of
this very Library for upwards of Thirty Years — To expect that you would
serve us a similar Term upon the mere Anticipation of a Compliment to
be paid at so long a Sight, would be rather unreasonable — but if you
will be so obliging as to put us in a Method to furnish the Library with
new Publications which would be less troublesome to yourselves, you would
do us an essential Service — Perhaps you could recommend some Book-
seller of Character to whom we might apply.

We enclose you Mordecai Lewis & Co's. Draft on Mildred,
Masterman & Walker for £100 — and as the List we now send will not
amount to this Sum, we shall take the Liberty to add to your Trouble
by requesting you to invest the Remainder in such new Books as you
may approve —— If the Pamphlets could be tolerably well classed
we should be pleased to have several of them bound together, and
entitled on the Back "Miscellanies" — and in all such Books as are
unbound, we would wish to pay more Attention to Strength than to
Elegance in the Binding, as the Books of this Library have a good
share of hard Service to perform ——

We

We are, with much esteem,

Your obliged Friends

Richard Wells.
Mordecai Lewis
Isaac Wharton
Thomas Parke.

(Copy.

To Joseph Woods, and
William Dellwyn
London.

For the List of Books mentioned to be forwarded for the Government of Messrs W & D. — see Files —

Mr Wells produced also the Letter received from Mr Woods to which the foregoing is an Answer, with the Invoice inclosed — both which were directed to be copied here —

London 9 Septr 1783.

Respected Friends,

In pursuance of your Commission, W Dillwyn and myself have now addressed to your Care, two Trunks and one Box of Books for the Use of the Philadelphia Library; the Marks and Contents of which will appear by the Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed — It will hardly be supposed that we have read every Book which we have sent. Kennicotts Hebrew Bible for Instance is a Work of much Labour and Learning, and greatly beyond our Erudition, yet we judged it too curious to be Omitted — Some, however, we have read; others we have sent on the Recommendation of two or three literary Friends; and others again on the Character, confirmed by Extracts, given by the Monthly Review, which is a Work that continues to maintain a considerable Rank in the Republic of Letters — Novels are carefully excluded, and all dramatic Pieces of modern Production, unless Hannah Moore's Sacred Drama be considered as such, which is, however, ingeniously written, and of good Tendency. We hope that the Selection, which you will perceive is not yet completed, will be found to comprehend some profitable Amusement for the Hour of Relaxation, and some Addition to the general Store of Knowledge. I am, Your respectful Friend

Jos: Woods —

" —

Richard Wells,
Isaac Wharton
Mordecai Lewis } Philadelphia.

p the Washington,
Capt Josiah

Invoice of Books shipped by Joseph Woods in the Washington Captain Josiah, for Philadelphia, on the Account of Richard Wells, Isaac Wharton, and Mordecai Lewis — London 6. Sept: 1783.

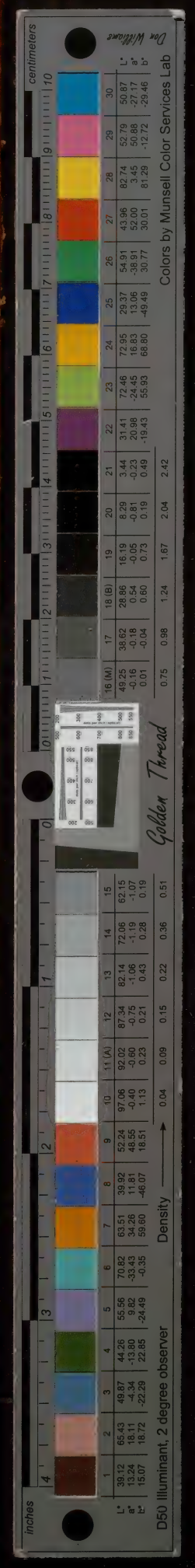
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	Buffon's Natural History. 8 Vols. 8°.	3	12	"
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	Berkeley's Life	"	2	"
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	Coxe's Russia — 4°.	1	1	"
	Cumberland's Anecdotes — 2 Vols	"	6	"
	Chandler's Greece — 4°.	"	17	"
	Crantz's History of the Brethren — 8°.	"	7	6.
	Dillon's Travels in Spain — 4°.	1	5	"
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	Elegy on the ancient Greek Model	"	1	6.
	Edwin & Elruda	"	2	"
	S^t Elrid of the Bower	"	1	6.
	Eden's Letters	"	4	"
	Fordyce's Addreſſes to Young Men — 2 Vols	"	8	"
	Gray's Poems — 4 Vols	"	14	"
	Gibbon's Roman History — 3 Vols — 4°.	3	15	"
	Griffith's Essays	"	2	6.
	Hymn to Ceres	"	2	"
	Hume's Life	"	1	6
	Hayley's Poems	1	11	6.
	Historical Memoirs of Voltaire	"	3	"
	Henry's Method of preserving Water at Sea	"	2	"
	Hurd's affectionate Tribute	"	1	"
	Jenyn's internal Evidence	"	3	"
	Jenyn's Disquisitions	"	3	"
	Knox's Essays — 2 Vols. 12°.	"	7	"
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Heate's Sketches — 2 Vols.	"	6	"
Kennicott's Hebrew Bible — 2 Vols. Folº.	9	9	"
King of Prussia's Panegyric on Voltaire	"	1	6.
Knox on Education	"	4	"
Life of Garrick — 2 Vols. 8º.	"	10	"
Lettsom's Life of Fothergill — 8º.	"	3	"
Library — a Poem	"	2	"
Letters on Agriculture — 2 Vols.	"	12	"
Langhorne's Translation of Milton's Italian Poems.	"	1	"
Letters to a Philosophical Unbeliever	"	3	"
Lettsom's Origin of Medecine — in boards	"	6	"
Millar's Letters from Italy — 2 Vols.	"	12	"
Madan's Grotius	"	5	"
Mason's English Garden	"	6	"
Mason's du Fresnoy	"	8	"
More's Sacred Drama	"	5	"
More's Essays	"	4	"
Mahon on Electricity	"	13	"
Mason's Ode to W. Pitt	"	1	"
Magazine, (Universal) from Vol: 54 to 72 incl: 19. Vols	4	5	6
Memoirs of the Bastile	"	3	"
Maty's Edition of Chesterfield	2	10	"
Memorial to Sovereigns of Europe	"	2	6.
Mille's Edition of Rowley — 4º.	1	5	"
Newton (Bishop) Works — 3 vols. 4º.	4	10	"
Newcombe on the Durn. of our Lord's Ministry	"	2	"
Newcombe's Reply to Priestly	"	2	"
Newcombe's Harmony	1	1	"
Noorthouk's Dictionary — 2 Vols. 8º.	"	12	"
Owen of Carron	"	3	"
Okely's Memr. of Behmen	"	2	"
Pearse's Commentaries — 2 Vols. 4º.	2	10	"
Priestly on Education — 8º.	"	5	"
Political Conferences	"	4	"
Price on national Debt	"	1	6.
Potter's Aschylus — unbound	1	1	"
Priestly's Letters to Newcombe	"	3	6.
Priestly's Harmony — 4º.	1	4	"
Carried forwards	£ 57	10	6

	Brought forwards			£	57	10	6	
	Potter's Observation on Johnson				"	2	6	
	Reynolds last Discourse				"	3	"	
	Richardson on the Languages of the East				"	7	"	
	Seward's Monody on André				"	2	6	
	Seward's Elegy on Lady Miller				"	1	6	
	Swinburne's Travels in Spain		4°		1	5	"	
	Stuart's Reformation		4°		"	15	"	
	Stuart's History of Scotland	2 vols.	4°		1	10	"	
	Supplement to Swift	2 vols.	8°		"	14	"	
	Sherlock's Letters	2 vols.	8°		"	6	"	
	Smith on the Wealth of Nations	2 vols.	4°		2	2	"	
	Speculation — a Poem				"	2	6	
	Smith on the Beatitudes				"	2	"	
	Sympathy, a Poem				"	2	6	
	Scott's Poems		8°		"	13	"	
	Trimmer's Sacred History	2 Vols			"	7	"	
	Thompson's Life of D^r Fothergill				"	1	6	
	Thirty Letters on various Subjects	2 Vols.			"	6	"	
	Transactions of the Society of Arts	boards			"	4	"	
	Village, a Poem				"	2	6	
	Wraxall's Tour		8°		"	6	"	
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	Watts' Posthumous Works	2 vols			"	10	"	
	Whitaker's Manchester	2 vols.	4°		2	8	"	
	Wreath of Fashion				"	1	"	
	Warton's Inquiry concerning Rowley				"	2	"	
	Willan's History of Jesus Christ				"	4	"	76 4 "
N^o 2 Trunk.	Aikin's Tacitus		8°		"	4	6	
N^o 3.	Algarotti's Letters				"	6	"	
Box.	Annual Register	7 vols.	75 to 81. inclus:		2	2	"	
	Anderson on Industry		8°		1	1	"	
	Aikin's Memoirs of Medecine				"	5	"	
	Blair's Sermons	2 vols.			"	12	"	
	Bever's Roman Polity		4°		1	1	"	
	Bowyer's Conjectures				1	5	"	
	Burney's History of Music	2 Vols.	4°		3	8	"	
	Barbut on Insects				1	10	"	
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	Coxe's Sketches of Switzerland				"	7	"	
	Critical Review — 9 Vols. 47 a 55				3	4	3	
	Cullen's first Lines	2 vols			"	14	"	
	Chandler's Travels in Asia		4°		"	18	"	
	Cullen's Synopsis	2 vols	boards		"	10	6	
	Carried forwards			£	18	16	3	76 4 "

Carried forwards	£	18	16	3	76	1	0
Dosie's Memoirs — 2 vols		"	12	"			
Enfield's Exercises — 12°		"	3	6.			
Enfield's Sermons — 2 vols. 12°		"	7	"			
Experiments in Agriculture		"	9	"			
Franklin's Lucian — 4 vols. 8°		1	4	"			
Foster's Observations — 4°		1	5	"			
Ferber's Travels — 8°		"	6	"			
Ferguson's Roman Republic — 3 vols. 4°		3	3	"			
Falconer on Climate		1	1	"			
Gibbon's Memoirs of Watts — 8°		"	6	"			
Gentleman's Magazine — 8 vols. 8°		3	4	"			
Hurd's Sermons — 3 vols. 8°		"	18	"			
Harris's Philological Enquiries — 2 vols		"	10	"			
History of South Carolina — 2 vols. 8°		"	10	"			
History of George 3d — 2 vols. 8°		"	13	"			
History of political Connection between England & Ireland		"	7	6.			
Justamond's Lewis 15th — 4 vols		1	4	"			
Irwine's Voyage — 4°		"	18	"			
Lowth's Isaiah — 4°		1	1	"			
Life of Bowyer — 4°		1	5	"			
Life of Petrarch — 2 vols. 8°		"	14	"			
Life of Hogarth — 8°		"	7	"			
Moore's Italy — 2 vols. 8°		"	14	"			
Moore's France — 2 vols. 8°		"	12	"			
Mirror — 3 vols. 12°		"	9	"			
Melmoth's Solius — 8°		"	6	"			
Monthly Review. 15 Vols. 52 & 68. except. 60 and 63		6	1	9.			
Monthly Review. 60 and 63. the 1st wanting January* the latter the Appendix* — in Numbers		"	12	"			
Morgan on Annuities		"	6	"			
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Nicol's Collection of Poems — 8 vols		1	4	"			
Nicholson's Philosophy — 2 vols		"	14	"			
Newcombe on our Lord's Conduct		"	19	"			
Porteous's Sermons — 8°		"	6	"			
Pultney's Sermons — 8°		"	7	"			
Pearce's Sermons — 4 vols. 8°		1	4	"			
Priestly's Experiments — 5 vols. 8°		1	15	"			
Price on Civil Liberty		"	5	"			
Philosophical Transactions. Vol. 68. part 2nd 69. 70. 71. 72		2	2	6.			
Potter's Euripides — 2 vols. 4°		2	10	"			
Pennant's Chester — 4°		1	8	"			
Pennant's Snowdon — 8°		"	14	"			
Pennant's Tour in Wales — 2 vols		2	13	"			
Rack's Essays — 8°		"	7	"			
Robertson's America — 2 vols. 4°		2	2	"			
Reynold's Discourses		"	6	"			
Relation des dernieres Jours de Rousseau		"	1	6.			
Remarks on French and English Ladies		"	5	"			
Sheridan's Dictionary — 2 vols. 4°		1	16	"			
Carried fowards.	£	71	7	"	76	1	0.

* The two Reviews here excepted are out of Print



Brought forwards	£ 71	7	"	76	4	"
Sheffield on American Commerce	"	2	6			
Scheele on Air and Fire — 8vo	"	5	"			
Travels in Europe — 2 vols. 8vo	"	14	"			
Temple's Memoirs	"	6	"			
Wraxall's Kings of France — 2 vols. 8vo	"	13	"			
Warton's Poems — 8vo	"	4	"			
Watson's Essays — 3 vols. 8vo	"	15	"			
Warton on Pope — 2 vols. 8vo	"	12	"			
Warton's English Poetry — 3 vols. 8vo	3	15	"			
Zimmerman on Physic — 2 vols. 8vo	"	12	"	79	5	6
			£	155	9	6
Discount 5 per Cent, on the whole except Kennicotts Bible				7	6	"
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Two Trunks £2-4-0 — Box 2/.				2	6	"
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Insurance — £154 @ 2 per Cent				3	1	8
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			£	154	18	7

Errors Excepted

Jos: Woods.

The Committee for examining the Books and Effects &c having made some further Progress are continued on the Service.

Mr. Lewis reports that Notice has been given to Robert Bell agreeable to the Order of the last Meeting — The Committee are continued on the Business of the Ground Rent in fifth Street, and the Lot in Chesnut Street.

The Secretary Reports that he has recorded Certificates for Archibald McCall Junr. and Gavin Hamilton Junr. — and an Assignment from Edward Bonsall to Edward Price.

The Committee appointed to join the Philosophical Society in a Petition to the Legislature for a Part of the State House Square to build a Hall upon report, That they have concurred in a Petition for that Purpose, of which the following is a Copy, which has been presented to the House of Assembly, read, and referred to a Committee.

To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met,

The joint Petition of the American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for the promoting useful Knowledge, and of the Library Company of Philadelphia,

Humbly sheweth,

That under the friendly

Auspices

Auspices of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, these two Societies have prospered and flourished; and are now making considerable Advances in becoming more useful to the Citizens of Pennsylvania & to Mankind in general by promulgating Improvements in useful Arts and Sciences. — 214

That encouraged by the manifest Inclination your Honorable House hath shewn to forward the good Purposes of their respective Institutions, they look up to an Enlargement of their Views, a greater Convenience in their Accommodations, and that Respectability which a moderate Attention to external Appearances will not fail to procure.

That a Design hath been conceived, and is already in a promising State of Forwardness, to unite to the City Library that learned and extensive Collection of Books known by the Name of the Loganian Library; but in such Manner, that altho it be kept in the same Building, it shall ever remain distinct from the Library with which it may be united, and retain its Name in honor of the liberal Citizen who collected and intended it for public Use; to which End, a Building will be requisite larger and more commodious than any the said Library Company can now command.

That the Philosophical Society also find it absolutely necessary to the orderly and effectual Conduct of the Business of their Institution, that they should be accommodated with a suitable Building; consisting of a Hall for their Meetings and public Orations — a Repository for their Collections of Natural Curiosities, Philosophical Apparatus, and a Library Room for their Books —

That your Petitioners, having thus a similar Purpose in View, consulted together how it might be accomplished in such a Manner as to be most convenient to themselves, and at the same Time ornamental to the City; to this End they have turned their Attention to the East and West Lines of the State House Square, as most commodious for the Designs intended; and therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to grant them Portions of Ground for the Purposes aforesaid; that is to say, to the said Philosophical Society a Lot of Ground Eighty feet in front upon Sixth Street and forty feet deep upon said Square midway between Walnut and Chesnut Streets, and to the said Library Company a like Space of Ground on fifth Street and directly opposite to the former, for the Purpose of erecting Buildings thereon at the Expence of said Societies respectively ——— Your Petitioners beg leave further to represent that their

Purpose

Purpose is to make those Buildings answerable to each other in an uniform Stile of Architecture as to external Appearances, with their principal Fronts on the State House Square — So that, to whatever Purpose that Square may hereafter be assigned, whether for Public Walks or otherwise; the said Buildings will be a considerable Ornament thereto, without any other Disadvantage than the Loss of that small Space of Ground which they shall occupy.

That these Buildings thus commodiously situated will have a Tendency to bring together and unite Gentlemen of Science, and thereby more effectually promote the good Designs of these Institutions — that they will also be particularly convenient to the Members of your honorable House during the Sessions of Assembly, for Reference, or as a pleasing Retreat during the Intervals of Business — and that such an Attention of the Legislature to the Purposes of Learning will not fail to do Honor to the State in the Eyes of Foreigners ——

Your Petitioners therefore pray for Leave to bring in a Bill for vesting said Lots (a Plan of which is herewith exhibited) in the Societies aforesaid, and for the Purposes in this Petition set forth ——

Humbly submitting the Premises to the Consideration of Your Honourable House, & Your Petitioners as in duty bound, &c &c &c ——

Philadel.a 12th March 1784.

(Signed) Samuel Vaughan, Francis Hopkinson, David Rittenhouse } a Committee of the American Philosophical Society ——

(Signed) Mordecai Lewis, Thomas Parke, John Haighn } a Committee of the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia ——

William West, Son of / applies for Leave to assign one of two Shares which are in his Possession to Daniel Cooper — which is approved of, the said Cooper giving the usual Security, being a Minor ——

An application was made on Behalf of Frederick Smith Esq.r to be admitted as a Member, who is also approved of.

Joseph Cruckshanks presents the Library with a Copy of Buchan's Family Physician, a Curious manuscript Copy of a new Work entitled Geography epitomized, and a printed Copy of the same — for which the Board return him their Thanks — The manuscript is ordered to be preserved among the Curiosities —

Lewis Weiss, on the part of the united Brethren, presents to the Library a Book entitled "Crantz's History of the Brethren" —— and Charles Crawford presents to the Library also a Poem (auctore seipso) entitled "the Christian" — for which Donations the Board return their Thanks to the Donors respectively.

Isaac Wharton and Mordecai Lewis are ~~appointed~~ appointed a Committee to settle the Treasurer's Accounts.

Thomas Parke and Richard Wells are appointed a Committee to purchase of Robert Bell Books to the Amount of £10, the Consideration for the Share purchased by him at the last Meeting ——

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Carpenter's Company for Eighty Pounds, being one Year's Rent of the Library Apartments. ——

The Board adjourned 'till Tuesday the 20th April inst:

Tuesday April 20th 1784.

The Board met pursuant to Adjournment —

Present

Josiah Hewes.
Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis
John Kaighn
Benjamin Poultney
Joseph Paschall
& Thomas Morris.

The Committee for preparing the new Books, and the Committee for arranging the Papers, report some Progress, and are continued to complete the Business of their respective Appointments.

The Committee for examining the Books and Effects of the Library &c? report it as their Opinion that an Advertisement be published requiring the delinquent Members to return the Books which have been kept out beyond the proper Time; in order to ascertain such as the late Librarian is to be accountable for — and recommend the Form of an Advertisement for that

Purpose

Purpose, which is agreed to, and is as follows —

Philadelphia april 20th 1784

On a late Examination of the Stock of the Library Company of Philadelphia, the following Books appear to have been kept out Considerably beyond the Time allowed by the Rules of the Institution — a List of them is now published, with a Request to those who have them to return them immediately, that the Public may no longer be deprived of the Use of them, and to prevent the Necessity of putting the Notes in Suit —

Folio.

The Laws of Art & Nature in metals
Father Paul's History of the Council of Trent.
Josephus's History of the Jews.
Acherly's Britannic Constitutions

Quarto.

Hume's History of England. vol. 1.
Macaulay's History of England. vol. 1.
Franklin's Experiments.
Hanway's Travels. Vol. 1.
Blackstone's Commentaries. Vols. 1. 2. 3. 4.
Blackwell's History of the Court of Augustus. Vol. 3.

Octavo.

Plutarch's Lives — vol. 4.
London Magazine for 1733. 1764. 1773.
Brownrigg's Art of making Salt.
Neal's History of New England.
State Poems. Vol. 4.
Select Trials. Vol. 2.
History of the Republic of Holland. Vol. 1.
Martin's Philosophy. Vol. 3.
Universal Magazine for. 1778.
New American Magazine.
Hasselquist's Travels.
Robertson's History of Charles 5th. vol. 2.
Erasmus's Praise of Folly.
Town and Country Magazine. Vol. 1.
Buchan's Family Physician
Monthly Review. Vols. 60. 63. 65.
Langhorne's Plutarch. vols. 4. 5.
Court Miscellany. Vols. 1. 3
Brydone's Tour. Vol. 1.
Critical Review. vol. 45.
Kerr's Memoirs. Vol. 1.
Moore's Travels
History of the Revolution in Sweden
Chesyne's Principles of Religion
Collection of Pamphlets.
Marshall's Travels. Vol. 3. —

Duodecimo.

D'arville's Memoirs. Vol. 2.
Bruyere's Works. Vols. 1. 2.
History of Maurice, Count Saxe. vol. 1
Another Sett. vols. 1. 2.
Eloisa. vol. 4. — Cassandra ——
Vicar of Wakefield — Voice of Education —
Swift's Works. vols. 1. 3. 4. 6. 7. 8. 10. 12. 15.
Milton's Paradise regained. —
Spencer's Works. Vol. 1. — Memoirs of Bolingbroke.
Indiana Danby. vol. 4
Remarks on the Writings of Rousseau.
Yorick's Sermons. Vols. 1. 2.
Fool of Quality. Vols. 2. 3. 5.
English Theatre. vols. 1. 4.
History of Ancient Greece.
Cotton's Works.
Goldsmith's Essays
History of Sir Charles Beaufort. vol. 2.
Buccaneers of America — Sermons to Asses —
Sevigne's Letters. vol. 3. — Juliet Grenville. vol. 2.
Olden's History of the five Indian nations. vol. 2.
Chrysal. vols. 1. 2.
History of Sir Charles Grandison. vols. 6. 7.
Beauties of the Magazines. vols. 1. 2.
Select Trials. vol. 2. — The Card. vols. 1. 2.
The Penitents. vols. 1. 2.

By order of the Directors.

Lib.r Carvill Secretary.

The Committee for settling the Treasurer's Accounts report.

That there is a Balance in the Treasurer's Hands, due to the Library Company of £11A. 3. 1. Specie — and £10. State Money — that there are Bonds in his Hands to the Amount of £500 Specie on Interest, on which there is Interest due £126. — Small outstanding Debts, very doubtful. £31.17.7. — due on Ground Rent £6..0.0 from David Evans — due on the Lot in Chesnut Street £45. which is not likely to be received — Ground Rents assigned by the Managers of the House of Employments valued with the Rents due thereon to 9th July. 1783. at — — — — — — — — — — £575.. 1.. 2.

Since which has been rec?
from Wm Richards's Part £60..0.0
& Andrew Henry — — — 10..0.0 — 70.
£505.. 4.. 2

Also.
A Lot in fifth Street purchased with Continental Money — with the Rent due thereon —

Dr. Parke reports that a Purchase of Books has been made agreeable to the Order of the Board to the Amount of Robert Bell's Share — as follows.

The Remembrancer. — 13 Vols. }		£9.. 0.. 0.
Prior Documents — — 1 Vol. }		
Cook's last Voyage.. 2 in. 1 —	— ..	15.. 0.
Sundry Pamphlets. —	— — — —	7.. 6
		£10.. 2.. 6.

The Secretary reports that he has recorded a Certificate for Robert Bell for a Share accordingly. —

Mr Lewis laid before the Board the following Letter and Invoice just received of the Delaware Capt. Smith,

London Janu? 27. 1784.

Respected Friends
Richard Wells
Isaac Wharton
Mordecai Lewis

We now send you of Captain Smith a second Parcel of Books which completes very nearly the Amount of your Commission. We mean however to add some new Publications as they come out in the Spring — It has been a Matter of Regret with me that the Illness and Subsequent Decease of his Father in Law, and other indispensible Engagements, have deprived me, in a considerable Degree, of the Assistance of my much respected Friend and Colleague in this Business — My Communications with him on the Subject have, however, been as frequent as

Opportunity would permit, and on a general Survey the Selection has received his approbation — The Box N.o 2 is included in your Bill of Lading at his Desire; and in N.o 1 is a small achromatic Telescope directed for James Logan, and a Small Parcel directed for Thomas Coombe Esq.r which you will oblige us in delivering.

W.m Dillwyn has committed to my Care on your Account (for the Use of the Library) a Bill at 40 days Sight of M.cLewis & C.o on Mildred & C.o for one hundred Pounds Sterl.g which is accepted —

I am, respectfully, Your assured Fr.d

Jo.s Woods.

Invoice of Books shipped by Jos: Woods on board the Delaware Captain Smith, for Philadelphia, on acco.t of the Library Company there, addressed to the Care of Richard Wells, Isaac Wharton, & Mordecai Lewis

WL. N.o 1. Case.	Atterbury's Epistolary Correspondence	2 vols	8.o	"	14 "
	American Farmer's Letters		8.o	"	6 "
	Aickin's Essay on the application of Natural History to Poetry			"	3 "
	Bryant's esculent Plants		8.o	"	7 "
	Beattie's Dissertations moral and critical		4.o	1	1 "
	Blackstone's Reports and Life	2 vols		3	3 "
	Bruce's first Principles of Philosophy			"	4 "
	Brand's select Dissertations			"	6 6
	Burke's Speech — 11 Feb.y 1780			"	2 "
	Burn's Justice — last Edition — 4 vols.		8.o	1	8 "
	Crawford's History of Ireland	2 vols	8.o	"	14 "
	Colman's Translation of Horace de Arte poeticâ			"	7 6
	Carter's Journey from Gibraltar to Malaga	2 vols		"	14 "
	Capper's Observations on the Passage to the East Indies by Egypt			"	6 "
	Dialogues concerning innate Principles			"	2 "
	Douglas's Reports			1	16 "
	Dimsdale's Tracts published in Russia with Additions			"	3 "
	Euphrosyne	2 Vols		"	9 "
	Elliot's philosophical Observations on Sight and Hearing			"	4 "
	Forster's Voyage round the World	2 vols.	4.o	2	10 "
	Gast's History of Greece		4.o	1	4 "
	Grove's Translation of Pastor Fido			"	4 "
	Hoole's Orlando Furioso	5 Vols	8.o	1	15 "
	History of Ali Bey			"	6 "
	Higgins's Philosophical Essay concerning Light			"	6 "
	Hewson's Experimental Enquiries			"	6 "
	Hull's Letters of the Dutchess of Somerset and others	2 vols		"	12 "
	Jones' Arabian Poems			"	6 "
	Irwin's Epistles to Hailey			"	3 "
	Infancy, a Poem			"	3 6
	Keate's Epistle to Angelica Cauffman			"	2 "
	Landen's mathematical Memoirs			1	1 "
	Lord Littleton's Works			"	19 6
		Carried forward		£ 22	8 "

Brought forwards	£ 22	8	"
Macaulay Graham's Essays on Truth	"	5	"
Marsden's History of Sumatra 4°	"	16	"
Marmontel's Incas 2 vols 8°	"	6	"
Memorial to the Sovereigns of America	"	2	6.
Memoirs of R. H. Bruce Esq^r	1	4	"
Maclaine's Letters to Soame Jenyns Esq^r	"	4	"
Modern System of natural History 12 vols bound in 6	1	4	"
Monro on the nervous System Folio	3	"	"
Miller on Ranks in Society	"	12	"
Observations on Johnson's Life of Hammond	"	1	6.
Pringle's Discourses	"	6	"
Parliamentary Register 11 vols	4	11	"
Prentiss's Narrative of his Shipwreck on Cape Breton	"	2	"
Pryce on mining Folio	2	2	"
Swinburne's Travels in the two Sicilies 4°	1	5	"
Stuart's View of Society in Europe 4°	"	18	"
Trusler's Chronology 2 vols	"	1	7
Treatise on Chimneys	"	3	6.
Thicknesse's Journey thro' France and Spain 2 vols	"	12	"
Van Troil's Letters on Iceland	"	6	"
Wintringham de Morbis quibusdam	"	5	6.
Wilson on the Influence of Climate	"	5	"
Wilson's short View of Electricity	"	2	"
Whitehead's (Paul) Poems & Life	"	10	6.
Young's Spirit of Athens	"	5	"
	£ 42	3	6
Discount 5 per Cent	2	2	2
	£ 40	1	4
Case	"	1	6
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Primage	"	2	6
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Insuring £42 .. @ 2..2 p^r Cent	"	17	7
Part Policy	"	1	0
	£ 41	17	1

London 26 January 1784.

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Joseph Woods

Mess^rs Parke, Wells and Laughn are appointed a Committee to open the Case, and to label and arrange the Books.

George Emlen requests Permission to assign his Share to the Widow Bartram, which is agreed to. —

Upon Complaint made to the Board by James Pearson that he had incurred a large Fine owing to the Misconduct of the late Librarian it is agreed that the said Fine be remitted — but that the Librarian be directed to withhold the Use of Mr Pearson's Share agreeable to the Laws of the Company until he replace two Volumes of Books, which he acknowledges to have lost —

Similar Complaints being received from Samuel Fox and Daniel Benezet,

Benezet, the Board agree likewise to remit their Fines respectively.

The Board adjourned to Friday April 30th. inst.

Friday April. 30th. 1784.

The Board met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present.

Joseph Paschall
John Kaighn
Thomas Morris
Mordecai Lewis
Benjamin Poultney
Richard Wells
Dr. Thomas Parke
Richard Wistar.

and the Treasurer.

The Committee for preparing the Books, received in November last, report that they have procured from the Book Binder some more Volumes but that many still remain unfinished —

The Committee for arranging the Papers report the Completion of the Business of their appointment —

The Committee for preparing the Books last received report that they have labelled and arranged such as were sufficiently bound, and have sent the rest to the Book Binder's. —

The Secretary reports that he has recorded the Assignment from George Emlen to the Widow Bartram —

Richard Wells informs that he has received from Messrs. Woods and Delury for the Use of the Library Company two Books, viz, Percival's Fables — and Philosophical Transactions for 1783. Part. 1st. — which are referred for Arrangement to the Committee on the Books last received —

Thomas Hutchins Esqr. presents the Library Company with two Copies of an Historical Narrative and topographichl Description of Louisiana & West Florida — for which the Librarian is desired to return him the Thanks of the Board —

A Complaint being made by the Reverend William White that he had incurred a large Fine by the Inattention and Misconduct of the late Librarian, and praying that it be remitted accordingly — But the Librarian is directed to withhold the Use of his Share, till he replaces or pays for a Volume of Pamphlets which he has lost. ———

At an Election held the third Day of May of 1784 at the Carpenter's Hall the following Gentlemen were unanimously chosen Directors and Treasurer for the ensuing Year —

Directors

Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall
John Laughn
Mordecai Lewis
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Richard Wells.
Benjamin Poultney.
Benjamin Gibbs
Richard Wistar.

Treasurer.
Samuel Coates.

At a Meeting of the Directors, Tuesday May 11th. 1784, Present.

Thomas Morris
John Laughn
Benjamin Poultney
Thomas Parke.
Joseph Paschall
Benjamin Gibbs —

Samuel Coates, Treasurer,
& Samuel Fitzgreaves, Secretary —

Application was made on behalf of Richard Thornhill for Permission to hold the Share of his Father John Thornhill by Transfer from the Co-heirs. and requesting the Board to determine as to the Mode of making Satisfaction for a Book lost, and which cannot be procured at any of the Booksellers —

The Secretary Reports that he has recorded Certificates for Samuel Vaughan Esq. and John Vaughan —

Only six Directors attending, not being able to make a Board, they adjourned to Thursday the 20th Inst. —

Thursday May 20th. 1784

The Board met agreeable to Adjournment, Present.

Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall
John Laughn
Mordecai Lewis
Thomas Morris
Thomas Parke
Richard Wells
Benjamin Gibbs
Richard Wistar
& Samuel Coates, Treasurer —

The Application of Richard Thornhill to hold his Father's Share by Transfer from the Cohcirs is approved of, upon paying 30/. for the Book lost —

The Reverend William White requesting the Board to ascertain the Price of the Volume of Pamphlets which he has lost, and for which the Use of his Share of his Share has been withheld, the said Volume containing,

1 vol

1st. A briefe Relation of the Discovery and Plantation of New Englande.
2nd Good Newes from New Englande, or a true Relation of Things very remarkable at the Plantation of Plimouth in New Englande.
3rd New-Englands Trials, declaring the Successe of 80 Ships employed thither within these eight yeares —
4th Plaine Dealing, or Newes from New England. by Thomas Lechford.
5th Teares of Repentance; or a further Narrative of the Progress of the Gospel amongst the Indians in New England —
6. New England's first Fruits; in respect to the Conversion of some of the Indians &c —

The Board, considering that it is a Collection of Scarce and valuable Publications, fix the Price thereof at £3. offering if they should be procured at any time hereafter to receive them and refund the Money. —

Dr Parke having purchased the Votes of the Assembly of Pennsylvania from the Revolution to October 1781, the Proceedings of the Convention, and the Proceedings of the Council of Censors for £7. 10. 0. an Order is drawn in favor of Michael Hillegas for the said Sum —

It being represented to the Board that some Members and others have been in Doubt what Persons are authorized to receive the different Payments due to the Company, they direct public Notice to be given to all concerned, That by the Laws and Regulations of the said Company the annual Payments, and all Fines for Delay of the said annual Payments, are to be made to the Treasurer — & all Sums for the Hire of Books by Persons not Members, and all Fines for Detention of Books beyond the limited Time by Members, to the Librarian of the said Company, respectively — They also direct that the Names of the Treasurer and Librarian for the current Year be published in like Manner for the Information of whom it may concern —

It being found inconvenient to meet on the Second ~~Day~~ Tuesday in each Month as heretofore, the Board agree to meet on the first Thursday in every Month in future of which the Secretary is directed to take Notice.

At a Meeting of the Directors, Thursday June 4th 1784. Present,

Josiah Hewes
Joseph Paschall
John Laighn
Thomas Morris
Mordecai Lewis
Thomas Parke
Benjamin Poultney
Richard Wistar,
and the Treasurer —

The Secretary reports that he has received from James Wilson Esq. £3, the Compensation ordered by the Board for the Book lost by him on the Reverend William White's Share —

The Secretary reports further that he has recorded the Assignment from William West (Son of James) to Daniel Cooper Junr. ——

William M.c Murtrie applies for Permission to purchase a Share, which is approved of. ——

The Committee for preparing the new Books report that almost all are finished — They are continued until the whole are completed ——

Benjamin January presents to the Library the Minutes of the Assembly of this Commonwealth from October 1783 to April 1784. for which the Board return him the Thanks of the Company ——

Sarah Wistar applies for Permission to assign her Share to Thomas Wistar, which is approved of ——

The Widow Tillbury applies for Permission to assign the Share of her late Husband Thomas Tillbury to William Laurence, Hatter, which is also approved of ——

William M.c Kenzie applies for Permission to purchase a Share which is approved of ——

Mr. Lewis produces to the Board a Letter received from Messrs. Woods & Delwyn, dated March 27th 1784. acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill drawn on Mildred Masterman Walker for one hundred Pounds Sterling which has been placed to the Credit of the Company and notifying to the Directors that their Order for Books had been placed in the Hands of James Philips, Bookseller, in George Yard, Lombard Street, to execute —— (See the Letter on the Files)

An Order is drawn on the Treasurer for £10. in favor of John Todd Junr. Librarian ——

At a Meeting of the Directors, Thursday. July 8th. 1784

Present,

Thomas Morris
Richard Wells
Joseph Paschall
Dr. Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis
John Kaighn
Benjamin Gibbs
Richard Wistar
and
Benjamin Poultney.

The Committee for preparing the new Books report that they have completed the Business of their Appointment ——

Messrs. Lewis, Kaighn, Wells, Poultney, Morris, are desired to wait on the Securities of the late Librarian, and take Measures for bringing them to a Settlement ——

At a Meeting of the Directors, Thursday. August 5th 1784.

Present,

Thomas Morris
Richard Wells
Joseph Paschall
Dr. Thomas Parke.
Mordecai Lewis
John Vaughn
Benjamin Poultney
Richard Wistar.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Securities of the late Librarian, and take Measures for bringing them to a Settlement are continued, with a Request to report at the next Meeting.

Mary Jackson presents to the Library a curious Lachrymal Spoon — for which Mr. Paschall is desired to return her the Thanks of the Company.

Dr. Parke presents to the Library the following Books, for which the Board return him their Thanks —

A Sermon preached before the Humane Society, by the Revd. Jacob Duché.
Another by John Hadley Swaine
Reports of the Humane Society for 1779. 1780. 1781. 1782.
Address and Recommendations to the States by the United States in Congress assembled.
Rules Orders. and Premiums of the Bath Agriculture Society for 1783.
Hortus Uptonensis.
Modern Characters for 1778 by Shakespeare.
Speech of Edmund Burke — February 11th 1780
Considerations on the Peace. 1783.

The Librarian requesting the Order of the Board as to the Time for which Members and others may be allowed to keep the Globes, and the Collection of Perspective Views and Glass — Resolved, That the Globes may be had for four Weeks, and the Perspective Views and Glass one Week — under the Penalty of one Shilling for each Library Day after the Expiration of the respective Terms.

Benjamin January presents an Account for binding Books to the Amount of £18..0..3. — An Order is drawn in his Favor on the Treasurer for a Certificate for a Share, and for the Balance of £8..0..3. in Cash.

An Order is also drawn on the Treasurer for £4..17..6 in favor of David C. Claypoole, being the Amount of his Bill for printing Advertisements for the Company — and another in favor of John Todd Junr. Librarian for £5. —

At a Meeting of the Directors, Thursday September 2.. 1784

Present,

Thomas Morris
Benjamin Gibbs
Mordecai Lewis
John Haughn
Richard Wistar &
Dr. Thomas Parke.

The attending Directors not making a Board no Business was done.

At a Meeting of the Directors, Thursday October 7th.. 1784

Present,

Dr. Thomas Parke.
Benjamin Gibbs
Benjamin Poultney
Mordecai Lewis
Josiah Hewes
John Haughn
and
Richard Wells.

An Order was drawn in favor of John Todd Junr. Librarian for £10.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter received by the Commerce, Captain Fructun, and the Books mentioned in it. —

Sir,

The high Regard I have ever entertained for the People of America, particularly for those of the Province of Pennsylvania, induces me to offer, though it be indeed, a small Testimony of it —

The religious and civil Rights of Mankind so well understood and practiced by them, can never make any Part of the holy Bible, the great Charter from whence they are derived, an unfit Present to them — With this Assurance I have taken the Liberty of directing a Copy of Dr. Kennicotts Hebrew Bible to you, to be placed in the public Library of Philadelphia — by which you will most greatly oblige,

Sir,

Your sincere Well Wisher
and obedient Servt.
S. Preston.
Rector of Chevening, near Seven Oaks
in the County of Kent —

July 5th 1784.

To
Samuel Sitgreaves Esq.
Secretary to the Library Company
of Philadelphia

The Secretary is directed to answer Mr. Preston's Letter, and to convey to him the Thanks of the Board for his polite Gift ——

At a special Meeting of the Directors, Friday October 15th. 1784.

Present,

Josiah Hewes — Dr. Thomas Parke
Thomas Morris — Richard Wistar
Mordecai Lewis — Benjamin Poultney
Richard Wells. — Benjamin Gibbs —

and Samuel Coates, Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to come to a Settlement with the Securities of the late Librarian report the Statement of an Account against him — They are requested to proceed in the Business, and take Measures for the Recovery of the Balance.

Messrs. Hewes and Wells are appointed a Committee to examine the Books and lay aside such as are out of Print, or are improper to be given out on the usual Terms — and to report a List of them at the next Meeting —

The following Letter from Jos. Woods inclosing an Invoice of Books by the Delaware, Captain Smith, is laid before the Directors

London. 31. July 1784.

Respected Friends,

In my last of 27. Mar. 1784 I acknowledged your Favour of Decr. 16. 1783. We have now shipped on board the Delaware, Capt. Smith, the Books and Pamphlets particularized in the Invoice — The following List will explain for what Reasons several of them have been omitted.

Supplement to Swift. — This was sent in September 1783 — We think you scarcely meant to have two of them —

Paul Whitehead's Poems
Journey from Gibraltar to Malaga.
Trusler's Chronology } were sent in Janry 1784.

Archæologia. — The fourth volume is out of Print which renders the Sett imperfect.

Anderson's Enquiry
Crawford on Animal Heat.
Dobson on fixed Air
Mahon on the Gold Coin
Maurice's Poems
Macquier's Dict. of Chemistry
Ingenhousz on Vegetables
Pownall's America
Whitworth on the Trade of G. Britain
Withering's Botany } out of Print

Fothergill's Works, are not yet published —
Gibson's History of Glasgow. could not be met with
Med: and Philosophical Commentaries. Do
Hist: of the Roy[l] Acad[y] of Sciences at Paris Do
Johnson's Edition of Savage — not sent from the Binders in Time.
Hoffman's Works. — could not be met with
John Hunter's Works — The Bookseller knows of no other Work than his Treatise on the Teeth. —
Cullen's first Lines. The 3 & 4[th] Vols: are not yet to be had Separately. the 1[st] & 2[nd] were sent in Septem[r] 1783.

The Additions are marked thus in the Invoice. X.

The Pamphlets we judged too few and too heterogeneous to bind in Classes. We hope it will be found that the Binder has attended to our Instructions with respect both to the Strength and Neatness of the Binding —— There is no Translation of the Encyclopædie. The new Edition of Chambers by D[r] Rees is I believe called Encyclopædia, and when completed will consist of four Folio Volumes at about 8 Guineas in Sheets — It is a Work in good Estimation — The French Work is in 25 or more Folio Volumes, and will scarcely be translated.

I am, (in the Name of my Colleague & myself)
Your respectful Friend,
Jos. Woods.

Richard Wells, Isaac Wharton & Mordecai Lewis, Philadelphia
per Capt: Willet.

Invoice of Books shipped on board the Delaware, Capt: Smith, for Philadelphia, for the Use of the Library there, & consigned to the care of Richard Wells, Isaac Wharton, & Mordecai Lewis

	Abstract on the Mechanism of floating Bodies. by De la Croix	4[to]		"	4 "	6.
	Hanson on Amputation	8[vo]		"	6 "	0.
x	Atterbury's Epistolary Correspondence Vol. 3[d]	8[vo]		"	6 "	0.
x	Astle's Origin & Progress of Writing	4[to]		1 "	15 "	0.
	Black's Historical Sketch of Medecine & Surgery	8[vo]		"	6 "	0.
x	Barbut's Genera Vermium 2[d] Vol: colour'd Prints	4[to]		1 "	11 "	6.
x	Bergman's Mineralogy			"	2 "	6.
x	Bergman's Table of Attractions			"	3 "	6.
	Clement 14[th] (Ganganelli) Letters 2 Vols	8[vo]		"	6 "	0.
	Cook's Voyage to Kamschatska 3 vols	4[to] with Plates		5 "	16 "	6.
	Canadian Freeholder 3 vols	8[vo]		"	19 "	6.
	Cases & Remarks on Surgery. with an Appendix by Wilmer	8[vo]		"	6 "	0.
x	Children's Friend 1[st] 3[d] & 5[th] Vols.			"	3 "	0.
	Carried over —		£	12 "	6 "	0.

	Brought over				£	12	6 0
x	Coxe's Travels into Poland, Russia &c.	2 vols.	4to.			2	10 0
	Dalrymple's Travels through Spain & Portugal		4to.			"	6 0
	Duncan's medical Cases		8vo.			"	6 0
x	Dow's History of Indostan	3 vols.	4to.			3	3 0
x	Day's Letters of Marius					"	2 0
	Edwy ... a Poem					"	1 6
	Else's Works by Vaux		8vo.			"	4 0
x	Essays on Agriculture and rural Affairs		8vo.			"	7 6
x	Fordyce's Elements of Physick		8vo.			"	6 0
x	Fashion — an Ode with other Poems					"	2 0
x	Garden's History of Hen: 3d. of France		8vo.			"	6 0
x	Gilpin's Observations on the River Wye		8vo.			"	14 0
	Grose's Antiquities of England & Wales	4 vols	4to.	Morocco		11	11 0
	General Catalogue					"	1 6
x	Gale's Essays on public Credit		Boards	8vo.		"	6 0
	Hydrostatic Balance made easy					"	1 0
	Hints to Gentlemen of landed Property by Kent			8vo.		"	6 0
	Hatsell's Cases of Privileges of Parliament			4to.		"	10 6
	History of Modern Europe in Letters	4 vols.		8vo.		1	8 0
	History of the Revolution in Sweden, by Sheridan			8vo.		"	6 0
	Home's Clinical Experiments			8vo.		"	7 0
x	Howard on Prisons			4to.		"	18 0
x	Hunters two introductory Lectures to his last Course					"	10 6
	Journey to the Glaciers in Savoy			8vo.		"	6 0
	Johnson's Journey to the Hebrides			8vo.		"	6 0
x	Jerningham's Poems			8vo.		"	4 0
x	Jerningham's Rise & Progress of Scandinavian Poetry					"	2 0
	Kaims (Lord) Gentleman Farmer			8vo.		"	7 0
	Kirkland's Surgery			8vo.		"	7 0
x	Kirwan's Mineralogy			8vo.		"	7 —
	Laws respecting Women			8vo.		"	7 —
	Letters containing a Plan of Education for a rural Academy			12mo.		4	3 —
x	Langhorne's Country Justice a Poem		in 3 parts			"	4 —
x	Lewis' Materia Medica — new Edition			4to.		1	7 —
x	Levi's (David) Account of the Rites of the Jews			8vo.		"	4 6
x	Letters of certain Jews to Voltaire	2 vols.		8vo.		"	12 0
	Letters of Sterne — published by Medalle	3 vols.		12mo.		"	9 —
	Macpherson's History of Great Britain	2 vols.		4to.		2	10 —
	Marvel's (Andrew) Works	3 vols.		4to.		3	18 —
	Macaulay's Continuation of the History of England	6. 7 & 8th vols.		4to.		2	14 —
	Memoirs of Thomas Hollis Esq.	2 vols		4to.		2	12 6
	Miscellaneous State Papers	2 vols.		4to.		2	10 —
	Monro's Edition of Innes on the Muscles			8vo.		"	3 —
	Minor on Amputation					"	2 6
	Carried over				£	56	15 —

	Brought forwards		£	50	15	0
	Monro's Works	4to.		1	8	—
	Morgan on Annuities	8vo.			6	—
	Medical Register	8vo			6	—
	Marshall's Experiments & Observations on Agriculture	8vo			10	6
x	Mably's (Abbe) Dialogues on History	8vo.			3	6
x	Marshall's Minutes of Agriculture				15	—
x	Memoirs of Asiaticus				3	6
x	Milner's Experiments in Electricity				2	—
x	Memorials of human Superstition				7	—
	Origin of Printing				3	
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Messrs. Gibbs, Parke & Wistar are appointed a Committee to label, number, & arrange the new Books.

Messrs. Wells, Parke, and Lewis are requested to answer Jos: Woods' Letter and thank him for the Services done the Company.

William Shippen Senr. requests Permission to transfer his Share to his Grandson Thomas Lee Shippen and offers to be his Security until he arrives at full Age — which is approved of, upon his replacing the third Volume of Blackwell's Court of Augustus which appears to be lost, and paying the Fines due on the Note.

Josiah Hewes informs the Board that he has purchased the Westminster Magazine for 1783. for 15/. for the Use of the Library Company — It is referred to the Committee on the new Books to label, arrange &c.

Richard Wells produces an Account for Duty, Freight &c upon the new Books amounting to £4.5.7. for which an Order is drawn on the Treasurer

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At a Meeting of the Directors, Thursday November 4th 1784. Present.

Josiah Hewes
Richard Wells
Thomas Morris
Dr. Thomas Parke
Mordecai Lewis
Benjamin Poultney
Richard Wistar.
Benjamin Gibbs &
John Vaughn.

The Committee appointed to come to a Settlement with the Securities of the late Librarian are Continued

The Committee appointed to lay aside such Books as are improper to let out are also continued

The Committee appointed to label and arrange the new Books report that such as were full bound, have been labelled and placed on the Shelves, and inserted in the Catalogue — Such as wanted binding have been sent to the Binder's for that Purpose.

The Committee appointed to answer Jos: Wood's Letter are continued.

The Secretary reports that he has recorded A Certificate to Benjamin January and the Transfer from Thomas Tillbury's Executor to William Lawrence Slatter.

The Secretary further reports that he has answered the Letter of the Revd. Mr. Preston, and communicated to him the Thanks of the Board for his Present. The Letter was forwarded by the Harmony, Capt. Willett, and is as follows, viz.

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Revd. Sir,

I have been honoured with your Letter by the Commerce, Captain Truxtun, accompanying a copy of Kennicott's Hebrew Bible for the Use of the Library Company of this City — and have it in Command from the Board of Directors to convey to you their best Acknowledgments for your valuable Present, and the very polite Manner in which it has been made.

They

They are much flattered by this Testimony of your Attachment, and are happy to have it in their Power to add to the Catalogue of their very respectable and learned Friends in Europe, the Name of the Reverend Mr. Preston.

I beg you to believe that I feel peculiar Pleasure in communicating their Acknowledgments, and am,

with much Respect,

Reverend Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

The Revd. S. Preston,
Rector of Chevening, near Seven Oaks
in the County of Kent —

Philadelphia Octo. 15th 1784.

An Account is presented from James Muir for binding Books amounting to £22.. 17.. 1. — which being considered as an extravagant Charge, Messrs. Poultney and Paschall are desired to speak to Muir & endeavour to obtain an Abatement.

Applications are made by Wm Bradford Junr Esq. and James Pearson requesting the Board to ascertain the Price of Books they have lost, viz Colden's five Indian Nations by the former, & the Penitents by the latter — The Board fix the Value of each at 15/. upon Payment of which they are to be permitted the Use of their respective Shares.

It is ordered by the Board that no Application shall be received by the Librarian for a Preference in procuring any Book — but that it shall be delivered to the first Applier after the Book is returned — Where two or more apply at the same Time, the Preference shall be determined by drawing Lots.

Mr. Poultney produces a Plate of Copper said to be a Swedish Coin, which has been offered for Sale for 16/8. The Board agree to take it at the Price, and it is directed to be placed among the Curiosities.

Owen Biddle requests Permission to transfer his Share to Thomas Poultney Junr. which is allowed. ——

At a Meeting of the Directors, Friday December 3.. 1784. Present

Richard Wells
Mordecai Lewis
Dr. Thomas Parke
Thomas Morris
John Kaighn
Benjamin Gibbs
Benjamin Poultney

The Committee appointed to effect a Settlement with the Securities of the late Librarian are further continued — as are also the Committee for laying aside such Books as are improper to let out; and the Committee for answering Joseph Wood's

Woods's Letter—

Mr. Poultney reports that James Muir refuses to make any Abatement of his Account for Book Binding—An Order is drawn on the Treasurer in his favor for the Amount.

Melchior Wisinger exhibits an Account for wiring the Book Cases to the Amount of £2.. 8..0 for which an Order is drawn in his favor on the Treasurer.

An Order is drawn in favor of Benjamin Poultney for £2.. 3.. 11. for Disbursements on Account of the Company.

An Order is also drawn in favor of John Todd jun^r Librarian for £10.——

Messrs. Parke, Lewis, and Kaighn are appointed a Committee to repeat the Application to the Legislature for Liberty to build Apartments for the Company on the State House Lot.

At a special Meeting of the Directors, December 10th 1784, Present,

Josiah Hewes
Richard Wells.
Benjamin Gibbs
Benjamin Poultney.
D. Thomas Parke
John Kaighn
and
Richard Wistar.

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting to repeat the Application to the Legislature for a Lot on the State House Square to erect thereon Apartments for the Company Report, That some of them have had a Conference with Part of the Committee appointed by the Philosophical Society who had prepared a joint Petition for both Committees to Sign—But as the Philosophical Society had in the Prayer of the Petition had fixed the Library Lot on the West Side of the said Square, the Committee could not untie therein as it varied from the Petition formerly agreed to, and was incompatible with the Intentions of the Board.——On Consideration of the said Report, the Directors are unitedly of Opinion, that the large Number of Persons resorting to the Library three Times a Week, and the strong Probability there is of the Library shortly being opened Six times a Week, render it more essential to the public Accommodation that the Room to be erected for the Library should be on the East Side of the Square if the Assembly should grant Permission for that Purpose——The Committee therefore are requested to have another Conference with the Philosophical Society, and to pursue such Steps for the Purpose aforesaid as they may think expedient—and Josiah Hewes is added to their Number—

At a Meeting of the Directors, January 6th 1785 & 1234

Present:

Josiah Hewes, Richard Wistar,
Thomas Parke, Richard Wells,
Thomas Morris, Mordecai Lewis, and
Benj.a Poultney, John Haighn.

The Committee appointed to Settle with the Securities of the late Librarian, Joseph Sawcet, are further continued.

The Committee appointed to lay aside such Books as are improper to be let out are also further continued.

The Committee appointed to answer Joseph Woods's Letter produced the following as an Answer, viz.

"Philadelphia, December 1781.

"Gentlemen,

"We feel ourselves much embarrassed in point "of Character as mercantile Men to set down, at this late Hour, to "answer Letters, some of which bear so early a Date as the 27th of "January last. — If we could shelter ourselves under the Stile and "Title of Philosophers — not bound to observe the servile Rules of "the Bulk of Mankind, we should even then fall short of proper "Excuse, when we reflect that those to whom we apologize might "have availed themselves of the Argument with much more pro- "priety; and, therefore, we have only to submit our Neglect to "your kind Indulgence, hoping you will by no Means conceive "that it has arisen from the Want of a true Sense of the Obligations "we owe you for your kind Attention to our Service. ——

" The

"The two Parcels of Books you sent us as per Invoice of the 26th.
"of January amounts to £41-17-1 and 31st of July amounts to £75-16-0
"came regularly and safely to Hand, and met our united Approbation,
"and we have been for some Time appointed by the Company to
"return you their Thanks, which, though dilatory on our Part in the
"Delivery, we assure you are very sincere, and we also assure
"you that the Board received with Gratitude your Favour of the
"27th of March, wherein you so obligingly express the Interest
"you take in the Institution, and your willingness to continue
"your Assiduities for their Benefit.

"We are, very respectfully,
"Your Friends."

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Philosophical Society, report, That they had met some of them, from whom they understood that the Society adhered to their Determination for applying for a Lott on the East Side of the Square, and the Committee have since been informed that a Petition had been carried into the House by the said Philosophical Society, including an Application on Behalf of the Library, without being signed by our Committee: Which the Board taking into Consideration, the Committee first appointed are directed to prepare a Petition to the House conformably to the Tenor of our first Application, which shall be signed by all the Directors.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Josiah Hewes for Three Pounds, eight Shillings and two Pence for a Box of Candles, wt. 47 lb. 1/4 at 13d. per lb, Box 2/ and a Magazine 15/—.

Doctor Parke now presents to the Library Company the Minutes of the third Sessions of the Eighth General Assembly, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for which the Board return him their Thanks.

At

At a Meeting of the Directors, February 3, 1785.

Present,

Josiah Howes, Benjamin Rush,
Thomas Morris, Thomas Parke,
John Haigh, Richard Wistar, and
Richard Wells, Mordecai Lewis.

The Committee appointed to come to Settlement with the Securities of the late Librarian, Report, That they have furnished the said Securities with the Account, who promised an Answer — but they have not received it — they are, therefore, continued.

The Committee appointed to lay aside such Books as are improper to let out, Report, That they have made some Progress in that Business — That on looking over the Catalogue they find many Books which should not be let out at all, and some which should be let out under certain Restrictions; they are, therefore, continued for the Purposes aforesaid, and instructed to ascertain the Amount of the Deposits to be made in the later case. — Mr. Thomas Morris and Dr. Thomas Parke are added to the Committee.

The Committee appointed on the Business of the Petition to the Legislature, for Liberty to build Apartments on the State House Square, Report, That the Petition directed at the last Meeting has been presented to the House of Assembly, which was immediately read and held under Consideration. — It is as follows:

"To the Honorable the Representatives of the
"Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General
"Assembly met.

The Petition of the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia.

"Respectfully Sheweth,

"That the Library having been kept for several
"Years in one of the Wings of the State House, the Directors, in

"January 1772, applied to the Legislature for Leave to erect a
"more commodious Building on Part of the Square, but without
"Success.

"That by a Petition of the 12th of March, 1784,
"a Copy of which is herewith presented, the Directors, in Con-
"junction with the American Philosophical Society, addressed
"the late House of Assembly, requesting as follows: "That
"your Petitioners having a Similar Purpose in View, consulted
"together how it might be accomplished in such a Manner
"as to be most convenient to themselves and at the same Time
"ornamental to the City. To this End they have turned their
"Attention to the East and West Lines of the State House Square,
"as most commodious for the Design intended, and therefore,
"humbly pray your Honorable House to grant them a Portion
"of Ground for the Purpose; that is to say, to the said Philoso-
"phical Society a Lot of Ground 80 Feet in front upon
"Sixth Street and 40 Feet deep upon the said Square,
"midway between Walnut and Chesnut Streets, and to the said
"Library Company a like Space of Ground on Fifth
"Street, and directly opposite to the former for the
"Purpose of erecting Buildings thereon, at the Expence
"of the said Societies respectively," which were also ineffectual.
"That having Hopes of more Success with the present Hon-
"orable House, the Directors and the Philosophical Soci-
"ety, proposed renewing their Application and a Petition
"for that Purpose was produced by the said Philosophical
"Society; but in which they had transposed the Prayer
"of the Petition, jointly presented to the last House;
"and placed the Library on the West, instead of the
"East Side of the Square, and as they declined uniting
"with the Library Company on the Plan which had
"been agreed to, your Petitioners thought it a Duty they

"ived to their Conftituents to refufe ſigning the ſaid Petition;
"hoping the Society would not perſiſt in an Application ſo
"diametrically oppoſite to our joint Agreement. But to our
"great Surprize we obſerve by the Votes of the Houſe, that
"they have preſented a Petition, praying "Leave to bring in
"a Bill to veſt in the ſaid Society 73 Feet in Length on
"Fifth Street and 50 Feet in Depth, part of the State
"Houſe Square for the Purpoſe of erecting thereon a
"ſuitable Building."

"On which your Petitioners beg Leave to
"remark, that before the Revolution the Library was
"opened ſix Times a Week, and though it is at preſent
"opened but three Times a Week on Account of our Funds
"being diverted to the Importation of Books publiſhed
"during the War; we hope the Stock will very ſoon afford
"a Daily Attendance.

"That the Library Company conſiſts of upwards
"of Four Hundred Members and that there are alſo many
"other Perſons who conſtantly take out Books— That being
"attended by ſo numerous a Body of both old and young,
"they hope your Honorable Houſe in taking up the Pray-
"er of the Philoſophical Society's Petition, will be pleaſed
"to conſider that the Members who attend at the Society's
"Hall are few in Number compared with thoſe who fre-
"quent the Library, and their ſtated Meetings are only
"once a Fortnight.

"Your Petitioners, therefore, hope your Ho-
"nourable Houſe will liſten to the Prayer of the Petition
"jointly preſented to the laſt Aſſembly, and that agreeably
thereto

"thereto you will be pleased to grant to the Library Com-
"pany of Philadelphia, a Lot on the East Side of the
"State House Square for the Purpose of erecting thereon
"a suitable Building for a Library, and your Petitioners,
"&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) "Josiah Hewes,

"Philadelphia, January 17, 1785." "&c. &c. &c. —"

The Secretary reports, That the Rev. Mr. White had returned him the Book which had been supposed to have been lost, and that he had paid to Mr. White the Half Joe which had been assessed as a Compensation — Vide Page

The Secretary reports further that he has recorded the Assignment of Thomas Biddle's Share to Thomas Coultas, junior.

Jonathan Evans, junior, applies for Permission to be admitted as a Member under an Assignment from his Brother, Joel Evans, which is approved of, he having used the said Share, by Allowance of the Directors, for some Time past — Vide Page.

William Parvin applies for Admission to become a Member and is approved of.

Samuel Leacock applies for Permission to transfer his Share to James Starr which is allowed.

Samuel Hodgdon, Esqr. presents to the Library Company a Treatise upon Universal Salvation for which the Board present him their Thanks.

Mr. Pultney produces an East Indian Rupia which is offered for Sale at the Price of 2/9 — The Board agree to the Purchase and direct it to be placed among the Curiosities.

The Committee of Correspondence produce the two following Letters from Joseph Woods, viz —

"London

"London 25th, September, 1784.

"Respected Friends,

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"The Books which we now send you for the "George, Captain Johnson, will, we think, conclude our Shipping this "Year. A new Edition, under the Care of Dr. Kippis, of the Bio "graphia Britannica is coming out with so many Additions & "Improvements that we concluded it would be an acceptable Article "in the Collection. These three Volumes are all that are yet "published, and if you do not choose they shall be continued you "will please to instruct us accordingly; and in a more general Line "we should be glad to be favoured with your Instructions if we "have in any respect deviated from your Intentions. Several "of those Books which, when we wrote last, we were not able "to obtain, have now been procured. The Sum being too "small to bear the Charge of a Policy we have not got "it insured.

"I am,

"Your respectful Friend

"Jos. Woods."

Richard Wells,
Is. Wharton,
Mordecai Lewis,
"Philadelphia!"

"London, 29th Sept. 1784.

"Respected Friends,

"Having, since mine of the 16th Instant, "met with an Opportunity of making your Insurance "without the Charge of a Policy, I have debited your "Account with £26, insured at 2"2, viz. Ten Shillings and "eleven Pence.

"I am, your assured Friend,

"Jos. Woods."

Richard Wells,
Isaac Wharton,
Mordecai Lewis,
"Philadelphia."

Messrs.

Messrs. Parke, Kaighn and Wistar are appointed a Committee to number, label and arrange the Books. — The Committee of Correspondence are requested to answer the Letters.

John Todd, junr. having given Notice, at the last Meeting, of his Intention to quit the Service of the Company, as Librarian, and having been directed to receive Proposals from such Persons as should be willing to undertake the Employment, presents Applications from sundry Persons:

Josiah Hewes and Mordecai Lewis are appointed a Committee to receive and consider these and any other Proposals which may offer, — and to report at the next Meeting, or call the Directors together earlier if they see it necessary.

At a Meeting of the Directors, Specially called, February 8, 1763.

Present,

Josiah Hewes,	Richard Wells,
John Kaighn,	Benjamin Poultney,
Thomas Morris,	Thomas Parke, and
Mordecai Lewis,	Richard Wistar.

The Board proceeded to deliberate on the Choice of a Librarian, the Purpose for which they were called together, when Zachariah Poulson, junr. was proposed, approved of, and admitted on the following Terms, viz.— To be allowed a Salary of Sixty Pounds, per Annum; in Consideration of which, he engages to adhere strictly to the printed Rules for the Observance of a Librarian, in every respect, except that he will open the Library on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in every Week, from two o'Clock until Seven, from the 20th. of March to the 20th. of September, and from three o'Clock until eight, from the 20th. of September to the 20th. of March; — to attend on Saturday, in every Week, from 10 o'Clock until 1 in the Morning, to shew the Curiosities to such Persons as may be desirous to see them; — to clean the Rooms — and do such other Services as have been usually performed by a Librarian. — His Salary and Services to commence from the Time of the Delivery of the Books, &c. to his Care.

Richard

Richard Wells, Thomas Morris and Benjamin Poultney are appointed a Committee to examine the Books and Effects of the Company, for the Purpose of delivering them to the new Librarian — and to receive the usual Security for the faithful Performance of his Trust.

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The Administrator of Robert Bell, request Permission to transfer the Share of the Deceased to Edward Allen, which is allowed of. —

At a Meeting of the Directors, Thursday, March 3, 1785. —

Present,

Josiah Meures, Richard Wells,
John Kaighn, Dr. Thomas Parke,
Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney, and
Mordecai Lewis, Benjamin Gibbs.

The Committee appointed to effect a Settlement with the Securities of the late Librarian are continued on the Business.

The Committee appointed to lay aside the Books which are improper to be let out at all, or only under certain Restrictions, Report, that they have completed the Business and furnished the Librarian with a List of them.

The Committee appointed to number, label, and arrange the new Books, report, That all the Books, except the nine following Volumes, were so much damaged as to be unfit for use — that they were, by order of the Board of Wardens, sent to the City Auction and sold for the Benefit of the Underwriters —

1. Fothergill's Works. — 4° / 2 Vol.
2. Andrew's Letters. — 8° / 1 Vol.
3. Henry's Essays. — 8° / 1 Vol.
4. Burges on Insolvency. — 8° / 1 —
5. Dodington's Diary. — 8° / 1 —
6. View of Geneva. — 8° / 1 —
7. Miscellanies. — 8° / 1 —
8. Bechwith on Tenures. — 8° / 1 —
9. Memoirs of Haller. — 12° / 1 —

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The Committee are requested to number and label the found Books before the next Meeting.

The Committee of Correspondence are desired to take the necessary Steps and transmit, with their Answer to Joseph Woods's Letter, the requisite Vouchers for recovering the Loss.

The Committee who were appointed to examine the Books and Effects of the Company, and to deliver them to the new Librarian, report, That they have all been satisfactorily accounted for by the former Librarian and have been delivered, without any Deficiencies, to the present, who has executed a Bond in the Sum of £3000, in which he was joined by Joseph Cruikshank and John Knorr for the faithful Performance of his Trust. —

The same Committee reporting further that they found the Books and Curiosities in the Director's Room much deranged and out of Order, they are requested to class and arrange them, and report at the next Meeting.

Messrs. Wells and Morris are appointed a Committee to attend the Sale of the late Mr. Du Simtiere's Museum and make such Purchases, on behalf of the Company, as they may find proper.

Matthew Clarkson, Esqr. one of the Administrators to the Estate of Mr. Du Simitere, returns to the Library Brown's Civil and Natural History of Jamaica, which has been a long Time missing and which was found in the Collection of the deceased.

John Todd produces the Account of his Receipts and Expenditures during the Time he was Librarian, making a Ballance in his own Favour of £6-7-8. — Messrs. Haighn and Gibbs are appointed a Committee to examine the Account and report at the next Meeting.

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At a Special Meeting of the Directors, March 19, 1785.— Present,

Josiah Howes, Dr. Thomas Parke,
John Haighn, Benjamin Gibbs,
Richard Wistar, Benjamin Poultney, and
Thomas Morris, Richard Wells.

The Committee appointed to attend the Sale of Mr Similiere's Books, report. That they had purchased several Lots of Books, Manuscripts and Publications amounting to £10 4 6 for which an Order was now drawn on the Treasurer in Favour of Richard Wells, and the Committee of Purchase are directed to arrange them, and such as are proper to be removed into the Library Room or to be placed on the Shelves.

The Committee appointed to examine the late Librarian's Account, report a Balance of £6-4-4 due to him— for which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in his Favour.

At a Meeting of the Directors, April 7, 1785. —
Present,

Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney,
Mordecai Lewis, Richard Wells,
John Haighn, Richard Wistar, and
Dr. Thomas Parke, Benjamin Gibbs.

The Committee appointed to effect a Settlement with the Securities of the late Librarian are further continued on that Business.

The Committee appointed to label and arrange the nine new Books mentioned in the Minutes of March 3d report that they have completed that Service.

The Committee of Correspondence report, that they have prepared the necessary Proofs and Vouchers for recovering the Loss on the damaged Books, imported in the Ship George

George, and that they will be forwarded per the first Opportunity, agreeably to the Instructions of the Board.

The Committee appointed to class and arrange the Books and Curiosities in the Directors Room have made some Progress and are continued to finish the Business.

The Committee who purchased the Books, &c. at the Sale of Du Simitiere's Effects, and who were requested to arrange them, &c. report, That they have made some Progress and are continued to complete the Business.

The Secretary reports, That he has recorded the Certificate for a Share to William Parvin.

Joseph Cruikshank presents to the Company Fother-gill's Sermons, Gibson's Surveying and Carver's Travels, for which the Board return him their Thanks. — Dr. Parke informs that he has labelled them, and placed them on the Shelves.

William Attmore, Executor of Caleb Attmore, heir of Isaac Attmore, applies for Permission to convey the Share of the said Isaac Attmore to John Hille, Taylor, which is approved of.

The Board taking into Consideration Mr. Edward Allen's Proposal to rent the House lately occupied by Robert Bell, deceased, it is agreed, between the said Mr. Edward Allen and the Directors, that he shall have the said House for one Year, at £60, Pennsylvania Currency, per Annum, payable Quarterly, in Specie, the said Rent to commence on the First Day of April, instant; — Any Improvements which Mr. Allen may choose to make to be done at his own Expence, with the Privilege of removing the Improvements when he shall cease to be the Tenant, if such Removal will not prejudice the Premises; — the Taxes, if any there should be, to be also paid by the said Mr. Allen.

John Haighn and Benjamin Gibbs are appointed a Committee to procure Payment of the Arrearages of the Ground Rent due on the Alms House Square, assigned to the Library Company by the Managers of the Contributors to the House of Employment.

The Librarian representing to the Board the very great and unnecessary Trouble of recording the Notes in a Book, as directed by the printed Rules, and requesting the Indulgence of the Board, it is agreed to dispense with the Attention to that Duty at present.

Richard

Richard Wells and Mordecai Lewis are appointed Committee to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer and Librarian & report at the next Meeting.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour Samuel Sitgreaves, Secretary, for £7-10-0.—

The Board adjourned to Saturday the 30th Instant.

Saturday, April 30, 1785.—

The Board met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Mordecai Lewis, John Haighton,
Richard Wells, Dr. Thomas Parke,
Benjamin Poultney, Benjamin Gibbs,
Thomas Morris, Richard Wistar, and the
Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to effect a Settlement with the Securities of the late Librarian are further continued.

The Committee of Correspondence report that the Proofs and Vouchers necessary for the Recovery of the Loss on the damaged Books have been forwarded by the Ship Hendricks, Captain Clerk.

The Committee appointed to class and arrange the Books, Curiosities, &c. in the Directors' Room, report that they have made some further Progress and are further continued.

The Committee appointed to arrange the Books, &c. purchased at the Sale of Mr. Du Similiere's Effects are continued.

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The Committee appointed to procure Payment of the Arrearages of the Ground Rent due on the Alms House Square, report that they have received some Money and are continued on that Business.

The Secretary reports that he has recorded the Transfers from Samuel Leacock to James Starr, from Joel Evans to Jonathan Evans, Junr. and from William Attmore, Executor of Caleb Attmore, Heir of Isaac Attmore to John Stille.

Mr. Lewis informs the Board that he has received from Joseph Woods & the Harmony, Capitain Willet,— the following Books and Invoice, viz.—

"Messrs. Richard Wells, Isaac Wharton and Mordecai Lewis,

"Dr. to Joseph Woods,

"Parliamentary Register, Vols. 15 and 16		£ 0-15-0
"Gentleman's Magazine, Vol. 54th Part 2d		0-7-6
†"Monthly Review,	Vol. 71.	0
"Critical Review,	Vol. 58.	0-7-6
"Universal Magazine,	Vol. 75	0-4-6
"Annual Register for 1782		0-6-6
		£ 2-8-6

† The Appendixes are now 1/6.—

"London, 24th of February, 1783."

"Capt. Willet."

Dr. Parke and Mr. Haighu are appointed a Committee to label and arrange them.

The Revd. Isaac Backus of Middleburgh, in Massachusetts Bay, presents to the Library, by the Hands of the Revd. William Rogers, the second Volume of his Church History of New England— for which the Board return him the Thanks of the Company.

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The Committee for Settling the Accounts of the Treasurer
& Librarian, report as follows; — 248

Agreeably to Appointment we have examined the
Treasurer and Librarian's Accounts, and find,

Cash in the Hands of Samuel Coates, Treasurer,	£ 173 - 1 - 4
Bonds	500 - 0 - 0
Interest on the Same	132 - 0 - 0
Sundry Small Debts due	31 - 17 - 7
Rents and Ground Rent due	187 - 0 - 0
	£ 1023 - 18 - 11
Cash in the Hands of the late Treasurer	96 - 13 - 1
	£ 1120 - 12 - 0
Cash in the Hands of the Librarian	0 - 13 - 1
	£ 1121 - 5 - 1

At an Election held on Monday the 2d of May,
1785, at the Carpenter's Hall, — the following Gentlemen
were chosen Directors and Treasurer for the ensuing Year, viz.

Directors.

Josiah Hewes,
Joseph Paschall,
John Kaighn,
Mordecai Lewis,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Parke,
Richard Wells,
Benjamin Poultney,
Richard Wistar,
Benjamin Gibbs,

Treasurer.

Samuel Coates. —

At a Meeting of the Directors, May 5, 1785. Present,

Josiah Hewes,
Benjamin Poultney,
Thomas Parke,
Mordecai Lewis,
Benjamin Gibbs,
Richard Wistar,
Richard Wells, and
Samuel Coates, Treasurer.

The Board agree to continue the present Librarian, Zachariah
Poulson, Junr. on the Same Terms as mentioned in the Minute of the
8th of February last; and they also rechoose their Secretary, Samuel Rowland Fisher.

The following Committees on unfinished Business are now continued, viz.

Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poultney and Richard Wells, to arrange the Books and Curiosities in the Directors' Room; also, to arrange and take a List of the Books and Papers bought at Du Simitiere's Vendue.

Benjamin Gibbs and John Haighn for collecting the Arrearages of Rents and Ground Rents.

Doctor Parke, John Haighn and Benjamin Gibbs for labelling the Books imported in the Harmony.

Josiah Hewes now delivered a Letter from Charles Petit, Esqr. enclosing a Letter from Granville Sharpe, Esqr. of London, to "the Honorable General Reed," requesting, through his Hands, to present to the Public Library of Philadelphia a number of Books, which we now received and are as follows, as per Extract from his Letter.

The Gift of Mr. William Sharp, Surgeon, in the Old Jewry, to the Public Library of Philadelphia

Critici Sacri; or, the Annotations of the celebrated Commentators on the Holy Scriptures.	9 Vols. Folio.
Archbishop Sharp's Works.	7 Vols. Folio.
The Revd. Dr. Thomas Sharpe's Do.	6 Vols. Do.
Extracts from the Memoirs of A. B. P. Sharp, respecting the Measures taken in 1711 to 1713 towards introducing Episcopacy & the Liturgy of the Church of England into Prussia and Hanover: which Book was never published.	1 Vol. Quarto.
James Sharp's Letter to the Corporation of London on the Utility of Canals. 1 Vol.	1 Vol. Folio.

The Gift of Granville Sharp to the Public Library at Philadelphia

A Hebrew Bible, Dr. Foster's elegant Edition. — 4 Vols. in 4°	1 Vol. Folio.
A Greek Testament, printed from Stephen's elegant Copy and of a similar Type.	
Buxtorf's Concordance of the Hebrew Bible.	1 Vol. Folio.
Stephen's Concordance of the Greek Testament.	1 Vol. Folio.
Justin Martyr's Apologies for the Christian Religion; Greek and Latin.	1 Vol. Folio.
The Works of Tertullian.	1 Vol. Folio.
The Works of Clemens Alexandrinus. — Greek & Latin.	1 Vol. Folio.
Hooker's Ecclesiastical Politic	1 Vol. Folio.
Archbishop Usher's Chronology.	1 Vol. Folio.
Bishop Bull's Works.	1 Vol. Folio.
A Collection of all my own Tracts that now remain in Print. a small Octavo.	

Josiah Hewes is desired to return the Thanks of the Board to Charles Petit for his Care in handing forward the said Books.

And

And Josiah Hewes and Richard Wells are appointed a Commit-
to write a Letter to Granville Sharp, Esqr. and his Brother
r William Sharp, expressing the grateful Sense which the Board
rtain for their very handsome Present. £50

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas
ymaker, for Eighty Pounds, being for one Year's Rent of the
artments.

A Transfer of the Share of John Thornhill, deceased, by
hn Dowers and his Wife Mary, Joseph Thornhill and John Thorn-
ll, — the Heirs of the said John Thornhill, unto Richard
ornhill was now produced and approved.

At a Meeting of the Directors, June 2, 1785.

Present,

Josiah Hewes, — Thomas Morris,
Dr. Thomas Parke, — John Haighn,
Benjamin Gibbs, — Richard Wistar, and
Mordecai Lewis, — Samuel Coates, Treasurer.—

The Committee for arranging the Books, &c. in the Directors
oom, and those bought at Simitiere's Vendue, not having finished
e Busines are continued, — with a Desire that it may be done, if
ssible before our next Meeting.

The Committee for collecting Rents are also continued.

John Haighn and Dr. Parke report that they have Cast
d the Books by the Harmony, agreeably to Appointment, as also,
e Present from Messrs. Sharps.

Mr. Hewes produced the Copy of a Letter intended to
nt to the above Gentlemen — and will report further when it is
rwarded.

Benjamin January applies to transfer his Share to
seph Gerrald, who not being known to the Board, — Dr. Parke
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The Treasurer informs the Board that the following Shares have become forfeited for the Want of the proper Payments and Fines, — namely,

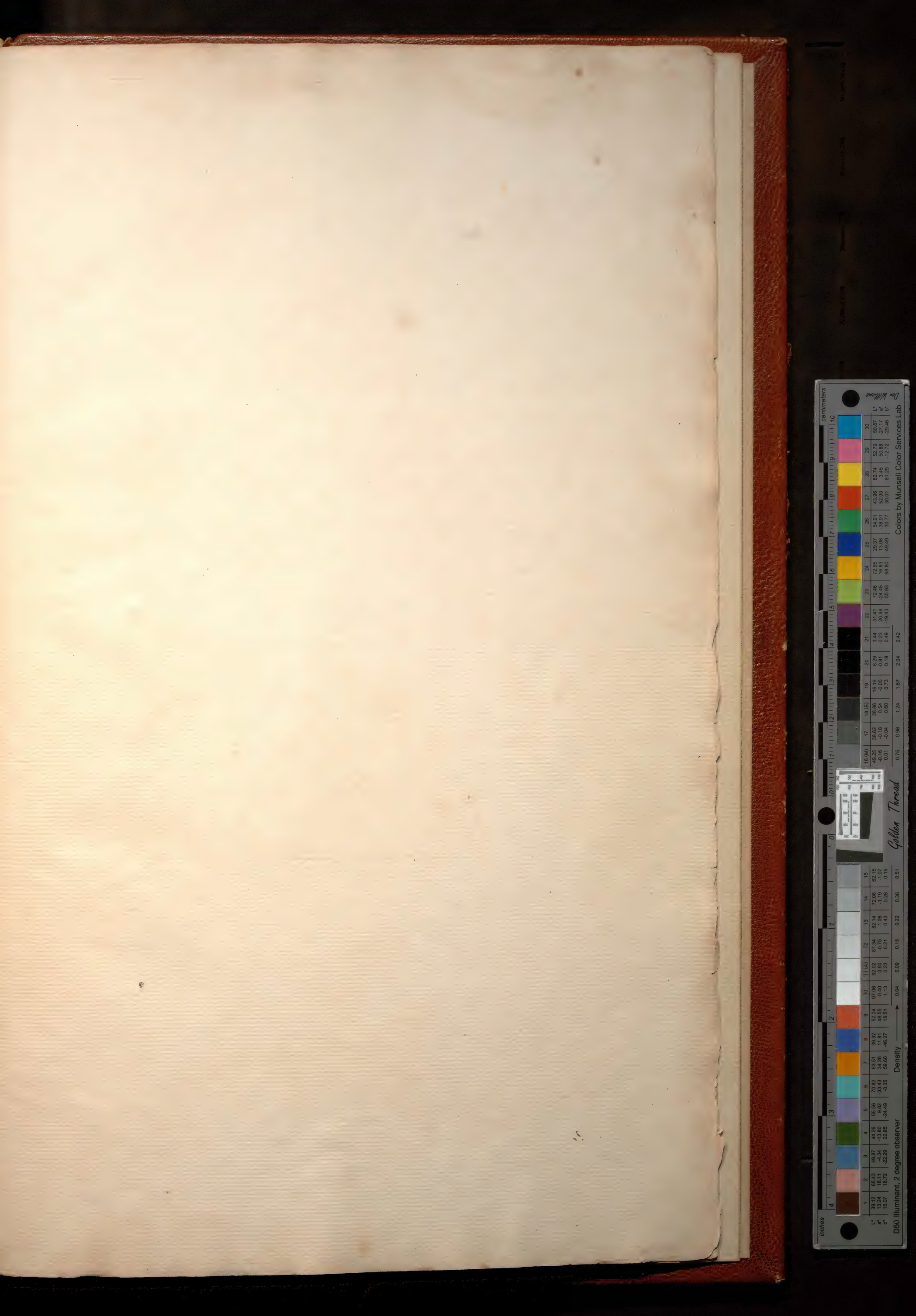
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Amos Wickersham's.

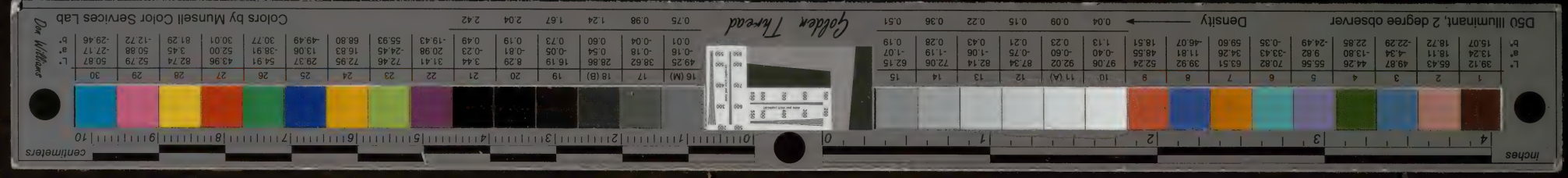
The following Members having unsettled Accounts with the Company, — Richard Wistar and the Treasurer are authorized to settle the same, which is requested may be done within three Months or their Claims will not be admitted to stand against their respective Annual Payments, viz. —

Samuel Lobdell,
John Dunlap, and
William Sellers.

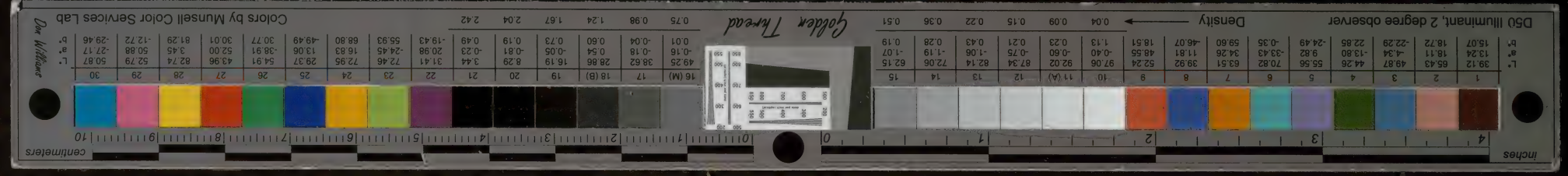
William Coates being ten Years in Arrears for Interest, the Treasurer is desired to put his Bond in Suit, unless he discharges the Interest on or before the First of July.

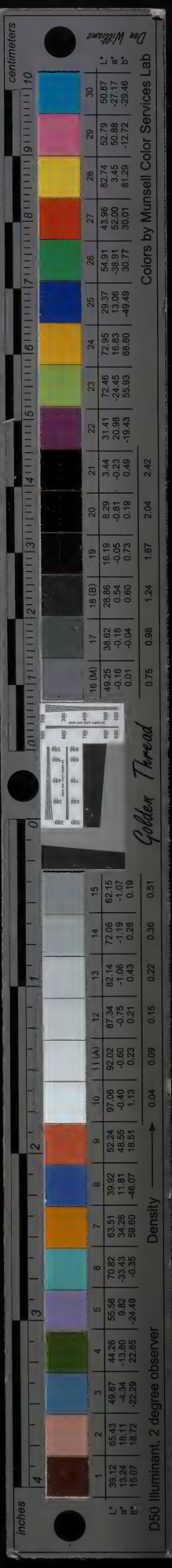
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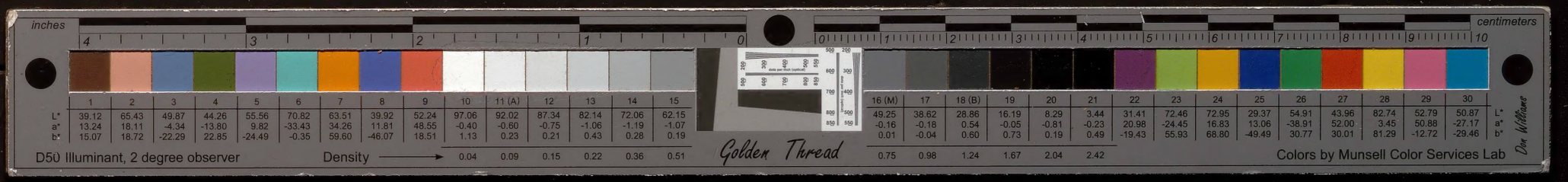
From the Library Company Directors meeting minutes:

August 31, 1774: Upon Motion, ordered: That the Librarian furnish the Gentlemen who are to meet in Congress in this City, with the use of such Books as they may have occasion for during their sitting…

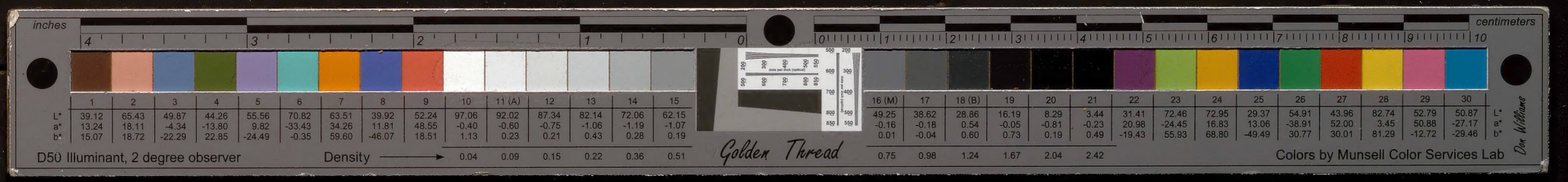
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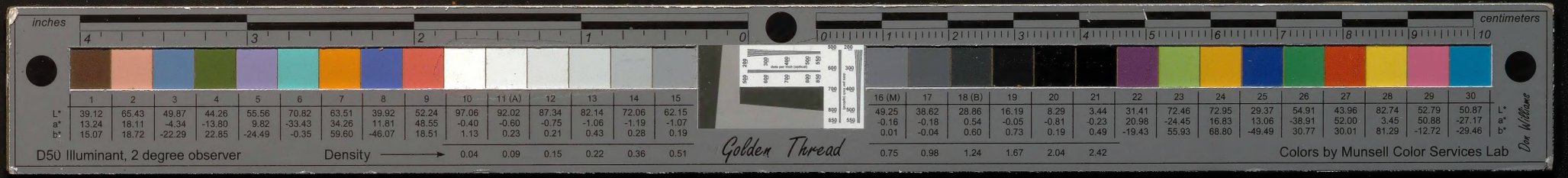
September 29, 1774: [The Secretary] called, agreeably to the Order of the Directors, on Peyton Randolph Esquire, Chairman of the Congress, with a Copy of the Minute permitting the Use of the Company's Books, who was pleased to say he "was much obliged to the Directors."

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The Library Company served as the library of the Continental Congress, the Constitutional Convention, and the U.S. Congress until the government moved to Washington D.C




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